

Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12; Psalm 72:1, 10, 11

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORY be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE 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.*

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (*Tone VIII²*)

DEUS, JUDICIUM

GIVE the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor.
The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
He shall keep the simple folk by their right: defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.
They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth: from one generation to another.
He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool: even as the drops that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish: yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
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.
For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth: the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
He shall be favourable to the simple and needy: and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong: and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
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.

HYMN

DIX

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (*Mode VI*)

The People stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,
preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



THE SERMON

The Rev. Prisca Lee-Pae
Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

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 ascended 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 worshipped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FOR EPIPHANY)

The Deacon says

Let us worship the Saviour with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The People kneel.

After each petition,

Reader Lord, in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

After a brief silence, the Celebrant concludes the prayers with this Collect

ALMIGHTY God, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In thy unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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 People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

OUR Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government
and of peace there shall be no end.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

*Peter Cornelius
(1824-1874)*

DREI Könige wandern aus Morgenland;
Ein Sternlein führt sie
zum Jordanstrand.
In Juda fragen und forschen die drei,
Wo der neugeborene König sei?
Sie wollen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold
Dem Kinde spenden zum Opfersold.

Und hell erglänzet des Sternes Schein:
zum Stalle gehen die Könige ein;
das Knäblein schau'n sie wonniglich,
anbetend neigen die Könige sich;
sie bringen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold
zum Opfer dar dem Knäblein hold.

O Menschenkind! halte treulich Schritt!
Die Könige wandern, o wandre mit!
Der Stern der Liebe, der Gnade Stern
erhelle dein Ziel, so du suchst den Herrn,
und fehlen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold,
schenke dein Herz dem Knäblein hold!
Schenk ihm dein Herz!

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
voll Gnad und Wahrheit von dem Herrn,
die süße Wurzel Jesse.
Du Sohn Davids aus Jakobs Stamm,
mein König und mein Bräutigam,
hast mir mein Herz besessen;
lieblich, freundlich, schön und herrlich,
groß und ehrlich, reich an Gaben,
hoch und sehr prächtig erhaben.

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.
Offer thy heart!*

*How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
my soul with love overfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,
rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love overflowing.*

Peter Cornelius, Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

IT is 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. 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

HOLY, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion)*

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may
die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only at the Crossing.
Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest.*

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

MOTET

Sung by the Choir

*Tomás Luis de Victoria
(1548-1611)*

MAGI viderunt stellam, qui dixerunt ad invicem:
‘Hoc signum magni Regis est, eamus et inquiramus eum,
et offeramus ei munera, aurum, thus, et myrrham.’ Alleluia.

*The magi, having seen the star, said, each in turn:
‘This is the sign of a great king! Let us go and look for him,
and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.’ Alleluia.*

Magnificat antiphon at 1st Vespers on the Feast of Epiphany

The People kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

MAY Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

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

HYMN

THE FIRST NOWELL

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Words: English carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

VOLUNTARY

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

Dietrich Buxtehude
 (c. 1637-1707)

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education. At 10 a.m. this Sunday, January 9, Mother Prisca Lee-Pae, our new Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry, will lead us in a survey of the Anglican Communion in the country of her birth, Korea. The session will be titled **“A Short History of the Anglican Church in Korea.”** This will be a great opportunity to both learn more both about our newest priest and our global church community. You are welcome to join us in person on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House or on Zoom using the link provided in our E-News.

Children and Families’ Gatherings. Sunday School will resume this Sunday with an Epiphany celebration. During the Sunday Services, the Nursery will be available only for babies and toddlers with their parents. Young children with their families are welcome to use the quiet area in the rear of the Chantry Chapel. For any queries regarding the above or to receive our weekly newsletter please contact: ChildrenandFamilies@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Noble Singers. Our new children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, welcomes returning and new singers in the New Year. Rehearsals will resume on Tuesday, January 11, and take place on Tuesdays at 4-4:45 p.m. and/or Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m. This FREE music program features the acclaimed RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Voice for Life curriculum in which choristers gain different colored ribbons by working towards different assessed levels of music and vocal instruction. Beginning later this month, the Noble Singers will start singing weekly at the 9 a.m. Sunday service. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. It's not too late to join us! Registration is [available online](#). For more information, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

On Saturday, January 22, **Concerts at Saint Thomas** presents organist Stephen Tharp playing [Demessieux: The Complete Works for Organ I-III](#) on the Miller-Scott Organ. These three concerts (rescheduled from November 2021) will be presented at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. with guest lecturer Renée Anne Louprette speaking about Demessieux's music and legacy at 3:45 p.m. Please [visit our website](#) for tickets and more information. Support Concerts at Saint Thomas by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team, email Concerts@SaintThomasChurch.org or call 212-664-9360.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

The choral services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand

✠ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by the Rev. Canon Stuart A. Kenworthy

Former Rector of Christ Church, Georgetown

4 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

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