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**‘FROM GLORY TO GLORY’**  
**A PROCESSION AND SEQUENCE OF**  
**READINGS AND MUSIC FOR EPIPHANY**  
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

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## INTRODUCTION

**T**HE Hebrew Scriptures contain many examples of the revelation of God's glory: the burning bush, the pillar of fire, the cloud filling the Temple, and more. In the New Testament, the glory of God is ultimately fully revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Word made flesh. For Christians, the word 'Epiphany' describes a revelation or *manifestation* of God's glory in Jesus Christ. Saint John's Gospel reminds us that through signs and wonders, Jesus revealed his glory to the disciples. Like the Hebrew Scriptures, there are many moments when God's glory is revealed in Jesus and when his glory is manifested to others: the visit of the Magi with their symbolic gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh; the Baptism of Jesus, with the affirmation of the Father's voice from heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove; and the changing of water into wine at Cana in Galilee. In addition to these specific events that are traditionally remembered by Orthodox Churches on January 6, the New Testament also contains other revelations of Christ's glory, such as the Transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain and, ultimately, his Resurrection and Ascension.

In John's Gospel, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father that his disciples and those who follow them might also see his glory and *share* in that glory:

**"The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."** *John 17:22-23*

Jesus prayed for his followers that they might be one. He had previously given them a new commandment to love one another. Their unity would, therefore, be forged in the crucible of his love:

**Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."** *John 3:31-35*

Such love reveals Christ's glory today, and our service ends with a reflection on the vision of the Beloved Community as understood by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose image graces the Fifth Avenue façade of the Church's tower and whose life is commemorated on Monday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As Christians who celebrate the revelation of God's glory in Christ, we are also called to see that glory in one another, building a community of love and trust.

**'May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.'**

*from the Easter Vigil*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet die Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

*Dietrich Buxtehude*  
(c. 1637-1707)

## INTROIT

*William Prendergast*  
(1868-1933)

**A**RISE, shine, for thy light is come: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.  
All the earth shall worship thee, O God: They shall sing praise to thy name,  
O most Highest.

*Winchester Antiphons*

*The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

SALZBURG

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,  
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.  
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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## BIDDING PRAYER

**D**EARLY Beloved, we are gathered to celebrate with joy the appearance of God's glory in the world through the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us; to reflect upon that glory manifested in many ways; the visit of the magi bringing homage to their King at his birth; the wonder at his Baptism in the River Jordan; and to hear of his first miracle at a wedding at Cana in Galilee by which he revealed his glory to his disciples. We celebrate Christ's glory, and recall the prayer of Jesus to his heavenly Father that we, too, might share in that same glory and become one with him as a Beloved Community, formed in his love.

As we rejoice in the Word made flesh, who has called us out of darkness into light, so we pray that his love and faithfulness may be known in all the world:

We pray for the unity and mission of Christ's Church, and for all who minister the gospel of Christ; we pray for the world, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God; we pray for an end to all that mars the image of God in others through prejudice or discrimination; we also pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful, the sick and the bereaved, and for all who have no-one to pray for them.

May God our Father take us and use us in his service; may he open our eyes to see his glory, and equip us to bless his people, now and at all times. Amen.

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

*Celebrant and People*

**O**UR 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 People sit.*

## I: THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED

### LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-7

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**A**RISE, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
Lift up your eyes round about, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far,  
and your daughters shall be carried in the arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant,  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice;  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Mid'ian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.  
All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you,  
the rams of Nebai'oth shall minister to you;  
they shall come up with acceptance on my altar,  
and I will glorify my glorious house.

### ANTHEM

Epiphany

*Skinner Chávez-Mélo*  
(1945-1992)

**T**HE night was full of wonder,  
And the stars above me sang a shimmering song.  
The infant lay sleeping,  
Power and peace like light around him.  
As I knelt and saw the God before me,  
For one crystal moment,  
I saw beyond my tiny place in time;  
I saw what was to come.

I heard the voices of men and women generations beyond mine,  
And saw them changed by this holy birth.  
I felt the earth shaped by His humble words,  
And saw forgiveness,  
Like a seedling,  
Blossom in their hearts.

And then I knew that my vision was true.  
For as I knelt and saw the God before me,  
I knew that His powers were also mine:  
To forgive, to worship, to love.  
I saw the universe reflected in His tiny eyes,  
I felt His love stir my soul;  
And as I saw the God before me,  
I saw the God in me.

*Text by David Pogue*

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

*The People stand.*

**O** GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## II: THE GLORY REVEALED TO THE GENTILES

### LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

**N**OW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will govern my people Israel.’”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

*William Byrd  
(1540-1623)*

### MOTET

**O**MNES de Saba venient,  
aurum et thus, deferentes:  
et laudem Domino, anuntiantes.

Surge, illuminare, Jerusalem,  
quia venit lumen tuum:  
et gloria Domini super te orta est. Alleluia.

Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente:  
et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum.  
Alleluia.

*All they from Sheba shall come:  
they shall bring gold and incense:  
and they shall shew forth their praises of the Lord.*

*Arise, shine, Jerusalem,  
for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.*

*We have seen his star in the East:  
and have come with gifts to adore him, the Lord.  
Alleluia.*

*Isaiah 60:6, 1; Matthew 2:2*

*The People stand.*

*During the singing of the hymn, the ‘Magi’ present their gifts.*

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.

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## COLLECT

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.*

**T**HEY have brought gold,  
They have brought gold and spices to my King,  
Incense and precious gifts and ivory to my King.

Oh holy Mother mine,  
What can I bring so that my Lord may deign to look on me?

They sing a sweeter song than I can sing,  
Mother mine what can I bring?  
I, bound on earth, weep for my trespassing.

They sing the song of love in heaven, set free.  
Then answered me my mother,  
And her voice spake to my heart and answered in my heart.

Sing, saith he to the heavens,  
Sing, saith he to the earth!  
Rejoice!

What can I bring?

*Christina Rossetti (1830-189)*

### III: THE GLORY REVEALED AT JORDAN'S STREAM

#### LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Saint Luke tells of the Baptism of Jesus.

**A**S the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

#### ANTHEM

Baptism of Christ

*Rachel Aarons*  
(b. 1984)

**N**OW when all the people were baptized,  
And when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,  
The heaven was opened,  
And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came down from heaven,  
"You are my Son, the Beloved;  
With you I am well pleased."

*Luke 3:21-22*

*The People sit.*



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
 3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

**F**ATHER in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint 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 thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## IV: THE GLORY REVEALED AT THE WEDDING AT CANA IN GALILEE

## LESSON

John 2:1-11

Saint John tells of Jesus' first miracle at Cana of Galilee.

**O**N the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

MOTET

*Sung by the choir*

*Luca Marenzio*  
(c. 1553-1599)

**T**RIBUS miraculis ornatum diem  
sanctum colimus:  
hodie stella Magos duxit ad praeseptum:  
hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias:  
hodie a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit,  
ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.

*We observe this holy day,  
ornamented with three miracles:  
today a star led the Magi to the manger;  
today wine was made from water at the wedding;  
today Christ desired to be baptised by John,  
so that he might save us, Alleluia.*

*Magnificat antiphon at Second Vespers of the Feast of the Epiphany*

*The People stand.*

HYMN

CARLISLE

1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might - y power did  
2 You speak, and it is done; o - be-dient to your word, the  
3 Oh, may this grace be ours: in you al - ways to live and  
4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the

man - i - fest your glo - ry forth in Ca - na's mar - riage hour.  
wa - ter red - dening in - to wine pro - claims the pres - ent Lord.  
drink of those re - fresh - ing streams which you a - lone can give.  
mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb, the great e - piph - a - ny.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## V: THE PROMISE OF A SHARE IN CHRIST'S GLORY

### LESSON

John 17:1-7, 20-26

“Those whom he justified he also glorified”

**W**HEN Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.”

“I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which thou hast given me in thy love for me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known thee, but I have known thee; and these know that thou hast sent me. I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

### ANTHEM

*Sung by the choir*

*Herbert Howells*  
(1892-1983)

**H**ERE is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift!  
We need not wander more but enter with our gift;  
Our gift of finest gold.  
Gold that was never bought nor sold;  
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;  
Incense in clouds about his head;  
All for the child that stirs not in his sleep,  
But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.  
Bend low about his bed, for each he has a gift;  
See how his eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift!

For gold, he gives a keen edged sword.  
(Defend with it thy little Lord!)  
For incense, smoke of battle red  
Myrrh for the honoured happy dead;  
Gifts for his children, terrible and sweet;  
Touched by such tiny hands and oh such tiny feet.

*Frances Chesterton (1869-1938)*

### COLLECT

Let us pray.

*The People stand.*

**O** GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## VI: THE GLORY OF THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

### LESSON

*From the acceptance speech of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
on the occasion of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, December 10, 1964*

**I** ACCEPT this award on behalf of a civil rights movement which is moving with determination and a majestic scorn for risk and danger to establish a reign of freedom and a rule of justice. I am mindful that only yesterday in Birmingham, Alabama, our children, crying out for brotherhood, were answered with fire hoses, snarling dogs and even death. I am mindful that only yesterday in Philadelphia, Mississippi, young people seeking to secure the right to vote were brutalized and murdered. And only yesterday more than 40 houses of worship in the State of Mississippi alone were bombed or burned because they offered a sanctuary to those who would not accept segregation. I am mindful that debilitating and grinding poverty afflicts my people and chains them to the lowest rung of the economic ladder.

After contemplation, I conclude that this award which I receive on behalf of that movement is a profound recognition that nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral question of our time – the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression. Civilization and violence are antithetical concepts. Negroes of the United States, following the people of India, have demonstrated that nonviolence is not sterile passivity, but a powerful moral force which makes for social transformation. Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace, and thereby transform this pending cosmic elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. If this is to be achieved, man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

I accept this award today with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind. I refuse to accept despair as the final response to the ambiguities of history. I refuse to accept the idea that the “isness” of man’s present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the eternal “oughtness” that forever confronts him. I refuse to accept the idea that man is mere flotsam and jetsam in the river of life, unable to influence the unfolding events which surround him. I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.

I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of thermonuclear destruction. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. I believe that even amid today’s mortar bursts and whining bullets, there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow. I believe that wounded justice, lying prostrate on the blood-flowing streets of our nations, can be lifted from this dust of shame to reign supreme among the children of men. I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down men other-centered can build up. I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and nonviolent redemptive good will proclaim the rule of the land. “And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together and every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree and none shall be afraid.” I still believe that We Shall overcome!

I think Alfred Nobel would know what I mean when I say that I accept this award in the spirit of a curator of some precious heirloom which he holds in trust for its true owners – all those to whom beauty is truth and truth beauty – and in whose eyes the beauty of genuine brotherhood and peace is more precious than diamonds or silver or gold.

**A**RISE, shine for your light has come,  
And the glory of the Lord has arisen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the people,  
On you, and his glory will appear over you;  
Nations shall come to your light,  
And kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
They come to you from far away.

*Isaiah 60:1-4*

### COLLECT

Let us pray.

*The People stand.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who by the hand of Moses thy servant  
didst lead thy people out of slavery, and didst make them free at last:  
Grant that thy Church, following the example of thy prophet Martin Luther King,  
may resist oppression in the name of thy love, and may strive to secure for all thy children  
the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### RESPONSORY

*A Minister says*

**I** SAW the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
*People* **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

And I heard a great voice from the throne, saying,  
*People* **'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.**

He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,  
*People* **and God himself will be with them.**

Behold, I make all things new:  
*People* **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.**

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift  
*People* **from the spring of the water of life.'**

### THE BLESSING

**M**AY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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**VOLUNTARY**

Épiphanie

*Gaston Litaize*  
(1907-1991)



The High Altar Flowers are donated by the family of Thomas E. Engel (*December 28, 1945 – November 15, 2022*)

The flowers in the rest of the Church are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
*Godfrey Pierson Connfelt and Margaret Crane Hurlbut*

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## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Monday - Saturday

**12 p.m.** Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\*

**Tuesday** – Antony of Egypt

**5:30 p.m.** ‘From Glory to Glory’ – A Procession and Sequence of Readings and Music for Epiphany\*

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

**Wednesday** – The Confession of Saint Peter

*The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*

**5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

**Thursday** – Wulfstan

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

**Friday**

**3 p.m.** Contemplative Prayer

*In the Resurrection Chapel*

**Saturday**

**11-11:45 a.m.** Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel  
*Confessor: Fr. Schultz*

**Next Sunday: January 22, Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**7:45 a.m. Said Mass**

**9 a.m. Sung Mass**

*especially suitable for Children and Families  
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

**11 a.m. Festal Eucharist\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by Mo. Turner

**4 p.m. Festal Evensong for Christian Unity\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by The Rev. Jared Stahler, Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, NYC

*followed by an organ recital by Patrick Scott, Memphis, TN*



## PARISH NOTICES

**The Pilgrims' Course Begins Wednesday, January 18:** The Pilgrims' Course, our annual educational and fellowship series, explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. **The course begins Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House.** To discover more about the topics, the schedule, and to register, please go to our webpage. Classes are held on most Wednesdays from mid-January to May (with a break for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter Week). Before the pandemic, classes began with an optional hot meal which was very popular. At this time, with increasing COVID infections, we are unsure when the meal element will resume; please check back frequently for updates. Classes are hybrid and you can attend in-person or online. Each week, you will be sent an email with the class details, and a link to a recording of last week's class. The Pilgrims' Class is traditionally taught by the Rector of Saint Thomas Church. In 2023, Canon Turner will be assisted by our new Associate for Adult Education and Formation, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, who has an international reputation as a teacher, author, and spiritual director. Other clergy will also be available to support members of the group.

**Saint Thomas Church Tours** are available on Sundays after the 11 a.m. service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. Tours generally last an hour and 15 minutes. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open Sunday following the 11 am Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street where you will find a wide selection of books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

**Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1 p.m.** Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at [MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Children and Families:** Sunday School and Nursery have resumed! We meet in the Sunday School room after the 9 a.m. service. To learn more or get your children involved, **sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities for 2023: [Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org).

**Theology at Saint Thomas:** Join us Sunday at 10 a.m. for the continuation of a four-week series entitled: **"I have called you friends": Glimpses into God's Ways.** In this series of exercises in Narrative Theology we will learn that the best way to know God is paying attention to his "ways", that is to how he behaves with those whom he calls his friends. God is invisible and mysterious and yet becomes an open book. Tales of encounter, dialogue, intrigue, conflict, and appeasement between God and his friends brim with glimpses into his personality, passion, charm, playfulness, and soft spots. The subject of next week's class is **Abraham: God the Visitor.** 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.

**The Noble Singers**, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays during the program year. We welcome new singers at any time! No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer for the Winter Term, contact [RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Concerts at Saint Thomas** presents *New York Polyphony: From the Gyffard Partbooks* on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. We are pleased to welcome the four-part vocal ensemble [New York Polyphony](#) for an evening of antiphons, motets, and responsories taken from the Gyffard Partbooks and the Eton Choirbook. These manuscripts are among the few collections of Latin liturgical music to have survived the Reformation, with much of the music unheard and unrecorded. 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](mailto:concerts@saintthomaschurch.org) or call [212-664-9360](tel:212-664-9360).

**Pan-Asian Ministry:** There will be a Festive Holy Eucharist, refreshments, and games at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue on January 21 at 2 p.m. Pan-Asians of the Diocese of New York will gather to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Please RSVP to Mo. Lee-Pae by January 14: [pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org).

For the first part of this year, we continue our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship.** You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email [giving@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:giving@saintthomaschurch.org).







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