

**Worship Plan for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 | 7pm**  
Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Daily Evening Prayer Rite Two with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION**

Dear brothers and sisters,  
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,  
and shall ever be manifest among us,  
until the day of his return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons  
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination,  
the Easter Triduum of the Lord:  
his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial,  
and his rising celebrated  
between the evening of the First of April  
and the evening of the Third of April,  
Easter Sunday being on the Fourth day of April.

Each Easter -- as on each Sunday --  
the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed  
by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.  
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,  
will occur on the Seventeenth day of February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on  
Sunday, the Sixteenth day of May or Thursday, the Thirteenth day of May.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,  
will be celebrated on the Twenty-third day of May.

And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be  
on the Twenty-eighth day of November, 2021.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ  
in the feasts of the holy Mother of God,  
in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,  
and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Lord of time and history,  
be endless praise, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCESSION

### OPENING SENTENCE

*The Officiant says*

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

*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.*

*The Priest alone stands and says*

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 Invitatory and Psalter

### VERSICLE

*All stand*

*Officiant*            *O God, make speed to save us.*

*People*                *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Officiant and People*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

**THE HYMNAL 25**



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.*

### PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- <sup>1</sup>Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- <sup>2</sup>That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- <sup>3</sup>That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup>He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>10</sup>The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- <sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- <sup>12</sup>For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.

<sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## The Lessons

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

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.*

*Silence may follow.*

## FIRST CANTICLE

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

*Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>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: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>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.*

*Silence may follow.*

## **SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 119)**

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon

*Nunc dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Lord, you now have set your servant free \**

*to go in peace as you have promised;*

*For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \**

*whom you have prepared for all the world to see:*

*A Light to enlighten the nations, \**

*and the glory of your people Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \**

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## **THIRD READING: Matthew 2:1-12**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Matthew.

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the

Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>'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.' "

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

## REFLECTION

The Rev. Curt Norman

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,*

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*



*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Prayers

### SALUTATION

*The people stand or kneel*

Officiant        The Lord be with you.

People            *And also with you.*

Officiant        Let us pray.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

### SUFFRAGES

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. *And grant us your salvation.*  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. *Let your people sing with joy.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY**

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the St. John's family we pray for Bill, Barbara, Art, Jim, Al, Woody, Lyndall, Brenda, Charlie, Ferris, William, Linda, Kimberly, Sarah, Bob, Theresa, Barbara, Judy, Brian, Al & Jane, Sharon, David & Nanette, Rod, Dave, Karen, Ted, Ida, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, and the St. John's Vestry.

## THE SUPPLICATION

*For use in the Litany in place of the Versicle and Collect which follows the Lord's Prayer; or at the end of Morning or Evening Prayer; or as a separate devotion; especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster.*

O Lord, arise, help us;  
*And deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.  
*O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

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.  
*O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

R. *Graciously behold our afflictions.*

V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

R. *Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.*

V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

R. *O Son of David, have mercy upon us.*

V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

R. *Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.*

*The Officiant concludes*

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**O SALUTARIS**

*O Saving Victim, opening wide  
the gates of heaven to us below,  
Our foes press on from every side,  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow. All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
for evermore, blest One in Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end  
in our true native land with thee. Amen.*

*A period of silence follows. A litany may be said or a brief meditation read. On occasions of particular thanksgiving, the Te Deum with its responses and closing prayers may be sung.*

*The silence might be ended in this manner*

V. May the Divine assistance remain with us always.

R. *Amen.*

*Then this hymn is sung. Again, a profound bow is made at the words "This great Sacrament revere" and at the Triune Name in the second stanza.*

**TANTUM ERGO**

*Therefore we, before him bending,  
this great Sacrament revere;  
types and shadows have their ending,  
for the newer rite is here;  
faith, our outward sense befriending,  
makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
honor, thanks, and praise addressing,  
while eternal ages run;  
ever too his love confessing  
who from both with both is One. Amen.*

*(During Eastertide and on Corpus Christi, alleluia is added to both versicle and response.)*

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.  
***Containing within itself all sweetness.***

*The Collect is said or sung*

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*In some places, the priest uses a humeral veil placed over the shoulders with which to handle the vessel containing the Sacrament. The priest takes up the Sacrament and silently makes the sign of the cross over the people. Look up and adore, saying in your heart: "My Lord and my God;" or repeating the Holy Name over and over, or simply asking, in your own words, Christ's blessings upon yourself and upon those for whom you wish to pray.*

*The Sacrament is placed on the altar. The priest returns and kneels with the others facing the sacrament, and a period of silence follows. Then the Divine Praises are said, in this or some similar form. The people repeat each phrase after the priest.*

#### THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

***Blessed be God.***

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity.

***Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity.***

Blessed be God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.

***Blessed be God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.***

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

***Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.***

Blessed be Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

***Blessed be Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.***

Blessed be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory.

***Blessed be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory.***

Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of his body and blood.

***Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of his body and blood.***

Blessed be God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.  
*Blessed be God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.*

Blessed be God in the Virgin Mary, Mother of our God.  
*Blessed be God in the Virgin Mary, Mother of our God.*

Blessed be God in Joseph, guardian of the Incarnate Word.  
*Blessed be God in Joseph, guardian of the Incarnate Word.*

Blessed be God in all the angels and saints.  
*Blessed be God in all the angels and saints.*

Blessed be God.  
*Blessed be God.*

*After the Divine Praises, the priest goes to the altar and replaces the Sacrament in the Tabernacle. When the priest has replaced the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, all rise.*

*Psalm 117 is said or sung, the people joining in the Antiphon. On occasion, some other hymn of praise may be used to conclude the service. In Eastertide, alleluia is added to the Antiphon.*

## **PSALM 117 WITH ANTIPHON**

*Antiphon*        ***Let us forever adore the most blessed Sacrament.***

O Praise the Lord, all ye heathen,\*  
    praise him all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us;\*

    And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

***Let us forever adore the most blessed Sacrament.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

***Let us forever adore the most blessed Sacrament.***

## **POSTLUDE**