

# ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## A SERVICE OF EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS

WITH

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

**The First Sunday After Epiphany**

**January 7, 2024**

**10:45 A.M.**

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,  
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.  
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book  
which can be found at the Welcome Center.*

*This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.*

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back  
of the sanctuary.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.  
If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel  
(stained glass window area.)*

*We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community  
committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

### DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor,  
comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.*

## Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are pleased you have chosen to join us for worship during this Epiphany season.

The major themes and images of the Epiphany season are readily apparent. The reading for the day of Epiphany clearly marks it as a celebration of light, with the prophet Isaiah singing out: “Arise, shine for your light has come!” It is a time for rejoicing in the light that shines in our darkness, the light that reveals both our sin and the one who comes to forgive. The word *Epiphania* in the Greek means to unveil, unwrap or to show forth. Indeed for a world that many times is cloaked in darkness, unwrapping the light that is seen in Christ is vital to life itself.

That light which began to unfold at the celebrations of the Nativity and the Day of the Epiphany now continue at the Baptism of Jesus and meanders through the early ministry, and then finally in a great burst at the Sunday of the Transfiguration. Throughout the Sundays we are reminded of the power found in the waters of baptism and how we are called “Beloved” of God. It is at the baptismal font we are immersed in the light of God’s love and forgiveness. It is also at the font that we are commissioned and called to be active participants in the mission and ministry of Christ in the world.

You will notice that the images of light and water are prevalent in our worship space and corporate worship throughout these weeks. We invite you to open your eyes and see the various ways we try to not only depict but celebrate our baptismal calling and consecrate ourselves to the Lord’s mission in the world. What we are trying to hold up during this season can be summed up this way: “Through Baptism God has made us members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.”

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

*Fr. Joseph C. Alsay* +  
Rector

## + THE GATHERING RITE +

**Voluntary:** "Deep River"

*Harry T. Burleigh; African-American Spiritual*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*See Insert*

### **Sacred Silence**

*At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity. At the tolling of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.*

### **Opening Acclamation**

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

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit:  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### **Gathering Hymn:** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

*Text: Christopher Wordsworth  
Tune: Salzburg, Jakob Hintze*



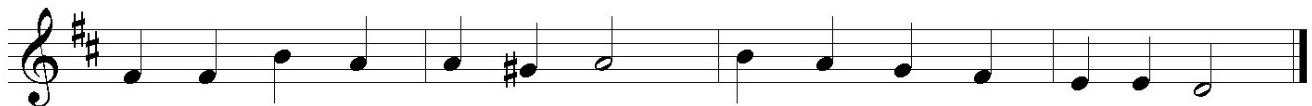
Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord to thee we raise,  
Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and King su - preme;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in the God - head man - i - fest;



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;



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## + THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

*Please be seated.*

### **Children's Moment**

*After the Children's Moment, children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the Epiphany Star and attend Children's Chapel. The children will return after the Peace for Communion.*

### **I. The Magi**

*Please stand.*

### **Salutation and Collect**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

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 forever. **Amen.**

*The three Epiphany banners used in today's service representing the three Magi: Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar were created by Edith Kenney and made possible by a generous gift from Melissa and John Miller.*



Please remain standing.

**Gospel Acclamation: "We Three Kings"**

Text: *John H. Hopkins, Jr.*

Tune: *Kings of Orient*



We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*



O \_\_\_\_\_ star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Homily**

The Reverend Dr. Dawn Enderwood

**II. The Baptism of Christ**

*Please stand.*

**Salutation and Collect**

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Presider*        Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that's all who are baptized into his Name May keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**



*Please remain standing.*

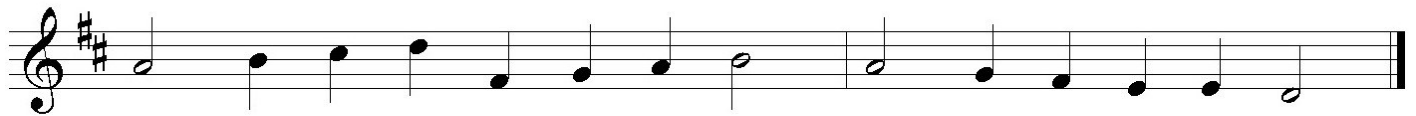
**Gospel Acclamation:** "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

Text: *F. Bland Tucker*

Tune: *Caithness*



Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
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.

**The Holy Gospel:** Mark 1:4-11

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Homily**

The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay



*Please stand.*

*Water is poured into the baptismal font as the following is said:*

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the waters he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God's Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is well pleased. Let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*The congregation is sprinkled with Holy water as a sign of cleansing and renewal.*

**Sprinkling Song:** "The Sinless One to Jordan Came"

Text: *G.B. Timms*  
Tune: *Solemnis Haec Festivitas*



**Peace**

*The congregation may share the peace.*

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

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory Sentence**

Lord, accept your people’s gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

*During the Offering in Song, please sign the Canterbury Connection Card in the bulletin and kindly drop it in the offering plate.*

*To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to “bit.ly/GiveSAC” in your browser and follow the instructions.*

*Thank You.*

**Offering in Song:** “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

*Text:* Jesse Edgar Middleton  
*Tune:* Une Jeune Pucelle

**III. The Wedding at Cana**

*The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

**Presentation Song/Gospel Acclamation:** “Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

*Text:* Christopher Idle  
*Tune:* Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart



Je - sus come! for we in-vite you, guest and mas - ter, friend and Lord;  
Je - sus come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in pow'r - di - vine;



now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding speak and let us hear your word:  
give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine:



lead us through our need or doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re-stored.  
rouse the faith of your dis - ci - ples, come, our first and great-est Sign!

## Salutation and Collect

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ. **Amen.**

## The Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars 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 chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Homily**

The Reverend Dr. James Dietrich

## + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

*Please stand.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Lees/Chard



Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, and Lord we sing your



praise! Ho-san-na in the high - - est! Ho-san-na in the high - -



est! Ho-san-na in the high - - est, and Lord we sing your praise!



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho-san-na in the high -



est, Ho-san-na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high - - -



est, and Lord we sing your praise!

*Please stand or kneel*  
**Eucharistic Prayer B**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**  
*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Epiphany Eucharistic Bread and Wine**

*It has been said that the best way to experience the richness of a culture, is through its food. Every Sunday, we have an opportunity to gather around the Lord's table & partake in the sumptuous feast that he has prepared. We do so in the context of an ever growing multi-cultural & ethnically diverse congregation. Epiphany is a time when we bask in the light & lift up the message of Christ being revealed & shared among all nations. During this season, we will have an opportunity to partake in bread & wine from the seven continents. This week, we celebrate the continent of Antarctica with Bannock bread & Inniskillin ice wine. Come enjoy and experience the diversity of cultures, which is a gift from God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

## Communion Distribution

*All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.*

*For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.*

*If you wish to receive the bread dripped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher. The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin. After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.*

*If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.*

*Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.*

*Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it. Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

## Prayer Corner

*After receiving communion, please feel free to go to one of the two "Prayer Corners" for a time for personal prayer and reflection. Remember to also pick up your sea shell as a remembrance of your baptism.*

## Communion Meditation: "When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream"

Text: Martin Luther

Melody: Geystliche Gesangk Buchleyn

## "When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known"

Text: Caelius Sedulius

Tune: Scott Chard

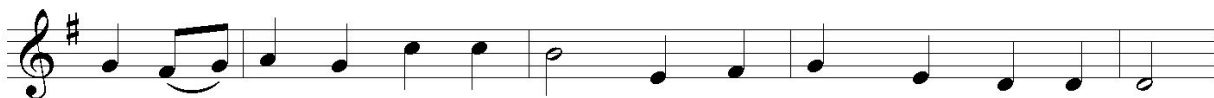
## Communion Hymn: "As With Gladness"

Text: William Chatterton Dix

Tune: Dix; Melody: Conrad Kocher



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



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



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

## + THE SENDING RITE +

*Please stand.*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**Holy God, in this Eucharist you reveal your faithfulness to us, your beloved children. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we may be for the world signs of your grace and compassion. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

*Presider*      May 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 always.

*People*          **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon*        Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary:** “Gloriana”

*Katsaros*

*You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know you.*

*We invite those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries or who have other special prayer needs to gather in the side chapel after the service.*

### **Birthday & Anniversary Blessing**

*Deacon*        Let us pray

*People*          **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024, 10:45 A.M.**

**The First Sunday after Epiphany**

**Presider:** The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

**Preachers:** The Reverend Dawn Enderwood, The Reverend Joseph Alsay and  
The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

**Deacon:** The Reverend Mary Ann Coffman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Claudia Rios-Estrada, Judy Moon, and David Krausse

**Acolytes:** Eric Rios-Estrada, Zoe Alsay and Zipporah Alsay

**Magi:** Reggie Christian, Jeremy Wilson and Jesus Zubillaga

**Staff Musicians:** Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard, and Sarah Hunsucker

**Organists:** John Potter and Patrick Hayes

**Pianist:** Patrick Hayes

**Oblation Bearers:** Jan Pope and Reiko Osumi

**Greeters:** Judy Montgomery and Susan Shebester

**Altar Guild:** Mary Andrews, Judy Montgomery, and Jason Seabolt

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January 7th, rather than December 25th, is the Feast of the Nativity in Orthodox Churches (following the Julian calendar). However, yesterday, the day following the twelve days of Christmas, is called the Feast of the Epiphany in western Christendom, but it is known as the Feast of Lights in Orthodox Christianity. The feast emphasizes Jesus' shining forth, or theophany, as the Messiah and the Trinity's second person. Because

Orthodox congregations carried lit candles on this night, the feast became known from the ninth century onwards as the Feast of Lights. The feast was viewed as fulfillment of the eight day Jewish Feast of Lights (Hanukkah) during which a menorah's eight candles were lit one-by-one. In early Orthodox churches, the catechumens stepped into baptismal water on this night, and their figures were "illuminated from within from their knowing of the true God", augmenting the association with light. This "incorrupt" baptismal water was later sprinkled in the congregant's homes and even drunk. The season of Epiphany, which follows the Feast of the Epiphany until the Lenten season, celebrates Jesus' early life and baptism, the miracle at the wedding at Cana, and the Magi's visit.

*If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: [gghaas@aol.com](mailto:gghaas@aol.com), or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.*

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**Sunday** – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

**Wednesday** – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

*To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.*

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector

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