### The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

# Holy Communion

January 10, 2020~ 10:30 am Epiphany

Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit. At the † you may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

### We Come to God

Prelude

Welcome

Please stand.

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love

you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

#### Confession of Sin

You may kneel or stand.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

People We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory

of your holy name. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Please stand.

"Brightest and Best"

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining; Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall; Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion, Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine, Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation, Vainly with gifts would his favor secure; Richer by far is the heart's adoration, Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

(Repeat the first verse.)

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you

all.

People And also with you.

### Gloria



The celebrant prays the collect.

People Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Please be seated.

First lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.** 

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,\* and your righteousness to the king's son;
- <sup>2</sup>That he ay rule your people righteously\* and the poor with justice.
- <sup>3</sup>That the mountains ay 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>8</sup>He shall rule from sea to sea,\*
  and from the river to the ends of the earth.
- <sup>9</sup>His foes shall bow down before him,\* and his enemies lick the dust.
- <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.
- 15Long may he live!

And may there be given to him gold from Arabia;\* may prayer be made for him always; and may they bless him all the day long.

- 16May there be abundance of grain on the earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;\*
  may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,
  and its grain like grass upon the earth.
- <sup>17</sup>May his name remain forever and be established as long as the sun endures;\* may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.
- <sup>18</sup>Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,\* who alone does wondrous deeds!
- <sup>19</sup>And blessed be his glorious name forever,\* and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

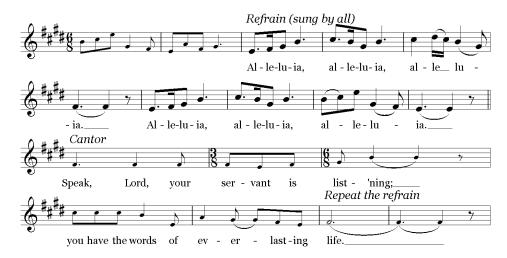
Together Glory to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second lesson Ephesians 3:1-12

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

# Gospel verse (sung)



# Gospel announcement (spoken)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel ... Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The Celebrant reads the Gospel.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon "A Delivering Light" Fr. Tom Reeves

Please stand.

### Nicene creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living

and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism

for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People

Celebrant With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

You may kneel, sit or stand. The prayers may take a variety of forms. The prayers conclude with:

Celebrant Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your

Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

### We Share the Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People And also with you.

The ministers and congregation stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# We Share the Meal of Holy Communion

### Offertory

Please be seated. The celebrant says the offertory sentence. The ushers collect the offering and representatives of the

congregation bring the elements to the altar.

#### Hymn

"We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again; king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. *Refrain* 

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; pray ad praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. *Refrain* 

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone-cold tomb. *Refrain* 

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain* 

Please stand.

#### At the Presentation

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below, Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The celebrant gives thanks for and blesses the offering.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Please remain standing.

# Sursum Corda (sung)



Celebrant

All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi, the king of the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of Baptism, Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Savior sent to receive us. In the water made wine, the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name, joining in their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus



You may kneel, sit or remain standing.

Celebrant

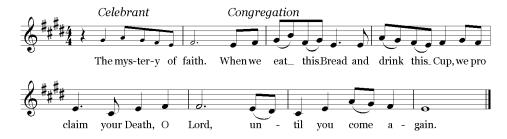
And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

#### When We Eat this Bread



Celebrant

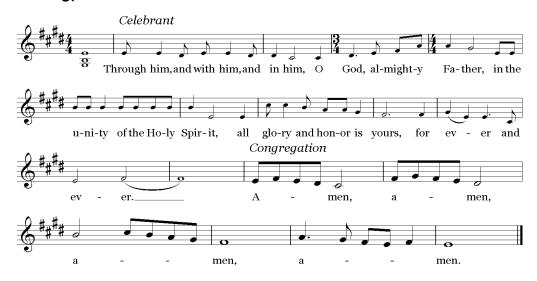
Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

# People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you

and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

## Doxology and Amen



# The Lord's Prayer

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

**Together** 

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.

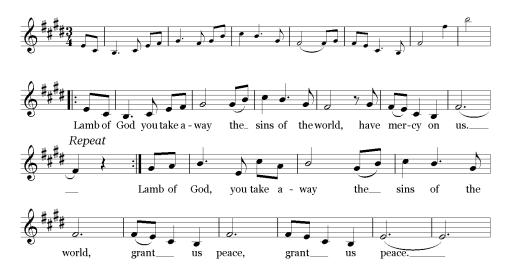
# The breaking of the bread

The celebrant breaks the bread for distribution.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

# Lamb of God



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

As a baptized Christian, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized or for any reason do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. To receive Communion (or a blessing), follow the directions of the ushers. Each individual or family receives standing at the altar. Please hesitate at the mark in front of the altar area until the celebrant welcomes you to come to the altar. After you receive, you are free to directly leave the sanctuary. "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!"