

## Birthday and Other Anniversaries Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Peace BCP 360

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

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

You are encouraged to open *The Book of Common Prayer* and join in the responses as indicated.

#### Sanctus BCP 367

#### The Lord's Prayer and Fraction BCP 364

### The Communion of the People

*All who are baptized by water and in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who choose not to receive for any reason, are invited forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Indicate your desire to receive a gluten-free host by holding out your hands together palms-down. Please note that the gluten-free host at this service contains almond meal and almond milk.*

*Stand.*

### The Postcommunion Prayer BCP 366

### The Blessing

May Almighty God, who led by the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

### The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*You are invited to join the clergy outside for the Burning of the Greens.*



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE  
**Transfiguration**

SEEKING AND SERVING CHRIST IN ALL PERSONS

## The Epiphany of our Lord

January 5, 2019

5:30 p.m.

### The Holy Eucharist

#### Welcome

#### The Opening Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

#### The Collect for Purity BCP 355

#### Song of Praise *Gloria in excelsis* BCP 356

#### The Collect of the Day

*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 for ever. Amen.

*Be seated.*

#### The First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 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. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 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. 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## The Gradual Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

*Recited in unison*

Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.  
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## The Second Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 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: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 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. 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, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 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. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## *Stand.* The Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

✠✠✠ 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## *Be seated.* The Sermon

## *Stand.* The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

## The Prayers of the People

*Each petition concludes:*

*Presider* To you, O Lord, we pray,  
*People* Evermore and evermore.

The *Presider* prays a Concluding Collect and the *People* respond Amen.