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.

Stand

The Peace

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

The Offertory Sentence
The congregation is seated after the ushers present the oblations at the altar.

The Offertory

Anthem Led by a Brilliant Light Patricia Lou Harris
Canticle & Youth Choirs

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 A Community Mass – Richard Proulx
Music preceded by an “S” is printed in the front section of The Hymnal.

The Lord's Prayer Sung The Hymnal S 119

The Breaking of the Bread
Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem The Hymnal S 154
New Plainsong – David Hurd

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. To receive by intinction, continue holding the host out and the Eucharistic Minister will dip it into the chalice and place it on your tongue. Indicate your desire to receive a gluten-free host by holding out your hands together palms-down.

Anthem Virgin-Born, We Bow Before Thee arr. Anthony Greening
Youth Choir

Voluntary Love Came Down at Christmas arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Bella Musica Handbell Choir

Hymn We Three Kings of Orient Are The Hymnal 128

Stand

The Postcommunion Prayer
BCP 366
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors
In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

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 or Deacon

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

Processional Hymn As with Gladness Men of Old Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

Voluntary In Thee Is Gladness BWV 615 J. S. Bach

The Epiphany of our Lord
January 6, 2019
9:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary A Christmas Carolillon arr. Margaret R. Tucker
Bella Musica Handbell Choir

Welcome

Please stand at the ringing of the sacring bell.

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 Procession enters during the Song of Praise.

Song of Praise The Hymnal 117
Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

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 J. W. Meachen

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Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King’s Son; That he may rule your people * and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the poor with justice; 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 the Gentiles, 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.

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 is 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

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

The Intercessor invites the prayers of the congregation and offers

Each petition concludes:

To you, O Lord, we pray. Ev-er-more and ev-er-more. Amen.

The Presider prays a concluding collect:

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the Holy Family, magi, and all the saints: In your unflagging love for us and for all people, grant these prayers through the Word made flesh, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.