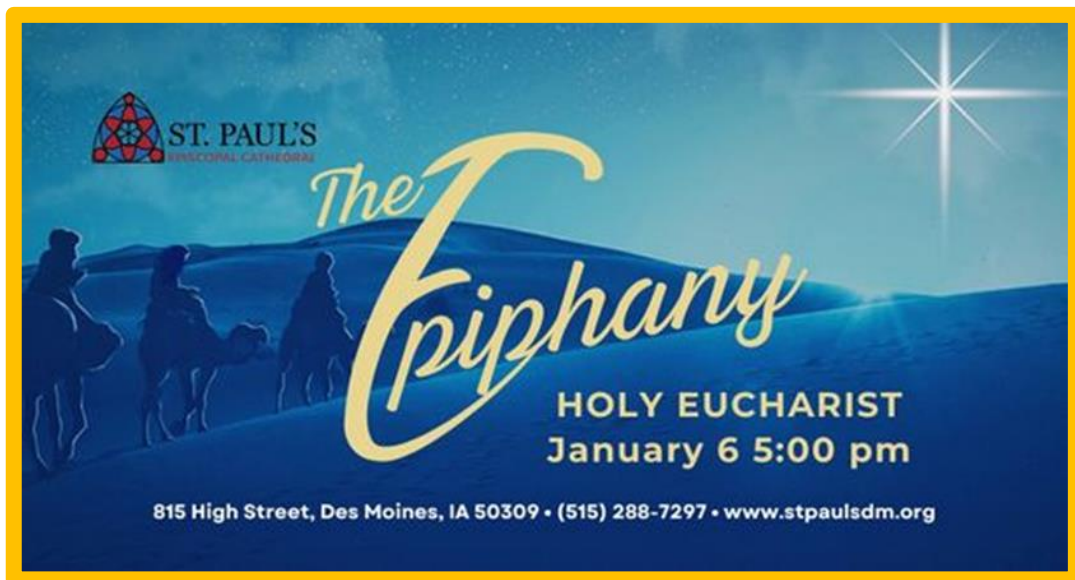




ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Lessons, Songs, and Holy Eucharist

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Five o'clock in the Evening

Reader 1:

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.

Reader 2:

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.

Hymn 115

What child is this

GREENSLEEVES

Narrator:

After the child was born, his parents in great joy gave him the name, Jesus. But now, things began to happen which made clear that this was no ordinary child.

Reader 3:

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."

Hymn 124

What star is this with beams so bright

PUER NOBIS

Narrator:

The arrival of the wise men was a cause of joy to some, and wonder to all; but was also frightening to many.

Reader 4:

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:

Reader 5:

"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."

Narrator:

Herod tried to trick the wise men, but they had their own reasons for following the star, to see what was being revealed by the star and the child born beneath it.

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chalk for House Blessing

People may mark the doorway with symbols in chalk blessed with this prayer: Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Traditionally, the chalking is done above the lintel and takes this form: 20+C+M+B+18 - The letters are the abbreviation for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" - "Christ bless this house" (A second meaning and mnemonic device is Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar traditional names for the Magi). The + signs represent the cross, and 20-18 is the year.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

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The people remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus *(in the front section of the Hymnal)* S125

The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Celebrant On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant **Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers, God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel, 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. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant continues As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem (*in the front section of the Hymnal*) S161

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail or by remaining in your place and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Wine is offered by sipping from the chalice or by dipping your host wafer into the intinction bowl. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest after the service about baptism.

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THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led 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. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 135 *Songs of thankfulness and praise* SALSBURG

DISMISSAL

Voluntary *Festive Postlude on Mendelssohn* Vernon Doyle

Announcements for January 6, 2024

Tonight's Ministers

Presider – The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot

Deacon – The Rev. Jean Davis, The Rev. John Doherty

Crucifer – Phyllis Melton

Torch-bearers – TBD

Thurifer – Alex Kane

Boat-bearer – TBD

1st lesson – Mike Bany

2nd lesson – Jeanne O'Halloran

Intercessor – TBD

Eucharistic Ministers – Phyllis Melton, TBD, TBD

Audio – TBD

Video – Nathan Thiessen

Ushers – TBD, TBD

Organist – Christopher Ellerston

Members of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Leaders

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot	<i>Bishop of The Diocese of Iowa</i>
The Very Rev. Nicola Dance	<i>Dean of the Cathedral</i>
The Rev. Jean McCarthy	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev. Michael Monnot	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev. Jean Davis	<i>Deacon</i>
The Rev. John Doherty	<i>Deacon</i>
Canon Mark Babcock	<i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>
Dr. Joshua Boggs	<i>Assistant Choirmaster</i>
Jonathan Hansen	<i>Formation Missioner</i>



Mission Statement: St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral is a welcoming, worshipping community committed to living Christ's unconditional love through fellowship, service, and kindness. **Vision Statement:** Grounded in Worship. Deepening in Faith. Reaching Out in Love.

Weekly Services at the Cathedral

Sunday

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II livestreamed and on Facebook

Wednesday Noon Eucharist

12:05 pm in the Chapel.

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