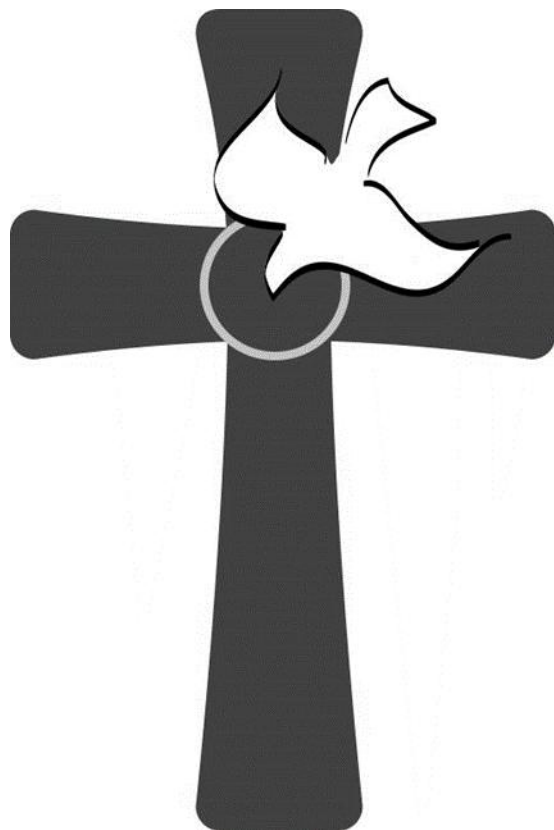


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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EAST NORWALK, CONNECTICUT



EPIPHANY SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

A few housekeeping notes before worship begins:

Please consider entering the sanctuary in silence, reverence, and in preparation for worship.

Please turn off your cellular telephones as you enjoy the prelude! Thank You.

ALL are invited to worship in this place, including young children and their occasional noise; so, if your child needs to stretch their legs, we have a long aisle and a few steps just for such things.

IF (and only IF) YOU would prefer—Christ Church does offer childcare during worship.

If you think your child might benefit from having a book available to them, they are located on book racks in the narthex (at the front doors) and the Gathering Place (out the side door, to the right of the pulpit).

A wheelchair accessible, all-gender restroom (also equipped with infant changing table) is located out the side door (to the right of the pulpit) and then to your left.

Gluten free hosts are available upon request.

Small amplification devices, with individual earphones, are available in the narthex (at the front doors).

Please consult an usher for answers to other questions you may have.

There's a place for Everyone at Christ Episcopal Church. Welcome home!

CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Grace Church, Broad Brook; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn

For all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them, especially IRIS - Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, New Haven

MEMORIALS: The flowers near the Altar are in memory of Mae Ashbrook by her daughters Lois Kelley and Shirley Byington.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Tired of any of your Christmas Decorations? Plan to donate them to the Church Holiday Fair next year. Contact Barbara Felter for information: (203) 847-5237.

CHRIST CHURCH LADIES' BRUNCH--JANUARY 7, 2018: There will be a brunch for all the women of the church at Shorehaven Country Club immediately after the 10:00 AM church service. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please reserve a spot with Bunny Zamm, (203) 853-3004. Make checks payable to Christ Church.

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN: The Altar Guild collects pocket change year round to help feed the needy in our community. There is a container for change on the display case in the Gathering Place at all times. Thank you. Sarah French

BOOK BUNCH: The next book club meeting is January 16. The group will discuss The Whole Town's Talking by Fannie Flagg. The selection for the February 20, meeting is Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf. Please contact Debbie Ross at DRoss56@aol.com for more details.

BACKPACK CLUBS: You too may join the CT Food Bank in its regular support of Backpack Clubs in the Norwalk Public Schools. Barbara Felter as the point person. Items may be left in the basket near the pulpit or presented in the same at the offertory.

Items needed:

Juice Boxes

Milk Boxes (same style, like Parmalat, etc.)

Single Serve Cereals

Fruit Snacks

Fruit Cups

Instant Oatmeal Packets (not cardboard cans)

Granola Bars

Chef Boyardee Ravioli Cups w/pull tops

Macaroni and Cheese Cups w/pull tops

Single Serve Chips/Popcorn

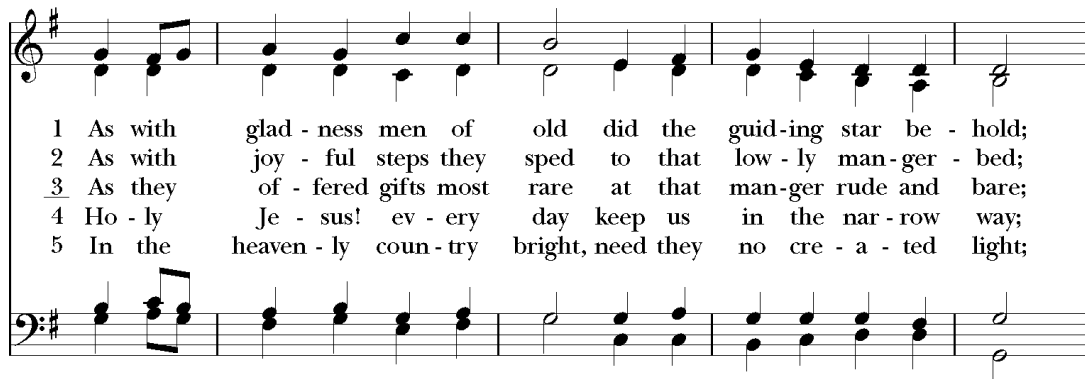
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Liturgy of the Word

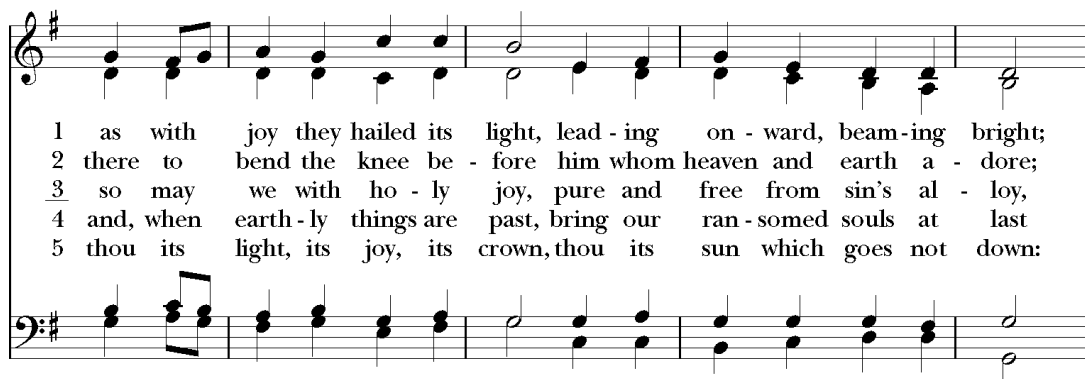
BCP, 355

The Opening Hymn 119

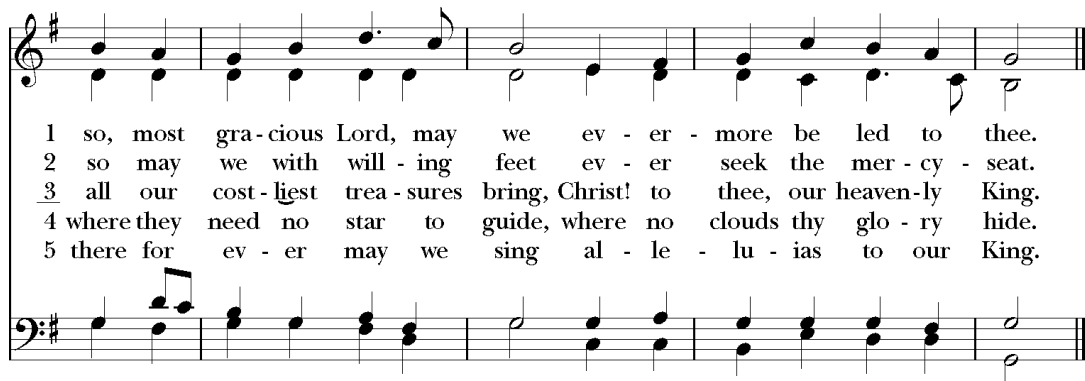
As with Gladness



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



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



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

The people stand if able, the Celebrant then continues

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kyrie:

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Celebrant says to the people.

 The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: 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.

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the Book of 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.

People:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Deus, iudicium

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

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the 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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

All stand if able.

The Sequence Hymn 124

What Star is This

*1st and 2nd before
3rd and 4th after the Gospel*

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Then, all standing if able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12

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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

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

The people sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Joe Parrish

Then, all standing if able, the Celebrant continues with

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,
**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.*

Silence may follow. All kneel if able.

Once In Royal David's City

*Once in royal David's city,
stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her Baby,
in a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable,
and His cradle was a stall
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*And, through all His wondrous childhood,
he would honor and obey
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms He lay
Christian children all must be,
mild, obedient, good as He.*

The Prayers of the People

BCP, 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **Grace Church, Broad Brook; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn. For all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them, especially IRIS - Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, New Haven**

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

for **Justin**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop;

Ian and Laura, our own Bishops; and **Joe**, our Priest.

We also pray for **Don**, for **Ned**, and all those discerning a call to ordained ministry.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially... *(prayer list is read)*

(We respond by repeating the names raised by the intercessor in prayer.)

The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor & People in unison:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Intercessor continues.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: May our ever-faithful God, who is patient with you, forgive you your sins, enrich you
in every way as you wait for the day of Christ's coming, and strengthen you to the end.

All: Amen.

The Peace

BCP, 360

All stand if able. The Celebrant says to the people

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

Announcements ~ The Offertory

The Rev. Joe Parrish

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Hymn at the Offertory 128

We Three Kings



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



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



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 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 Doxology

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer, Page 367

The people remain standing if able. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	Our hearts are with the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel if able. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

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.

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 **ALL** for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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,

People and Celebrant

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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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Angus Dei

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world
Have mercy upon us
O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world
Have mercy upon us
O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world
Grant us Thy peace

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

(The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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The Blessing

The Amen

All stand if able.

The Closing Hymn 127

Earth has Many a Noble City

1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth-lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:
 2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
 3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
 4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,
 5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,

1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
 2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
 3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
 4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.
 5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Fur Elise

Beethoven

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What is the mission of the Church?

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.
Book of Common Prayer, Page 855

January 7, 2018: THE EPIPHANY

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Altar Guild: Barbara Judson & Laura Demms

Ushers: Ed Zamm

Lector: Eric Mordoff

Intercessor: Tina Soleng

Presider: The Reverend Joe Parrish