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THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 6th, 2023

12:00 p.m.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY:

WELCOME

HYMN: 124, "What star is this"

PUER NOBIS

THE WORD OF GOD

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

All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY *Said by all*

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Arise and shine"

WAREHAM

1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang;
 2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,
 3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
 as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray.
 nor moon by night, to light your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
 Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
 God's glo - ry and eter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
 in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
 will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

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Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns: Ancient and Modern*, 1875,
 after James Turle (1802-1882).

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 72:1-7, 10-14 *Said by all*

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.**

SECOND READING: 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: 127, "Earth has many a noble city"

STUTTGART

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **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.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Timothy B. Safford

Silence for reflection.

NICENE CREED *Said by all, standing*

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mark, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

All may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

All may add their own thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

All may add their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence.

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the Name of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please continue to support the Cathedral in this time of need.
*If you wish to give by **card**, please scan this QR code or visit amcathparis.com/donate. If you wish to give in **cash or check** today, please place your offering in the envelope in your pew and leave the envelope in an offering plate on your way out.*



HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: *Say, where is he born, the king of Judea?* from *Christus* Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Recitative: When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea; Behold from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men and said:

Trio: Say, where is he born, the king of Judea? For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.

[Text: Matthew 2:1-2]

AT THE PRESENTATION, *sung by all:*

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

On you may all your peo - ple feed, and know you are - the Bread in - deed, who
To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in One, be
gives e - ter - nal life to those that with you died, and with you rose.
ho - nor, praise, and glo - ry giv'n, by all on earth, and all in heav'n.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer 1, from *Enriching Our Worship*)

All are invited to stand, as able.

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by all*

Calvin Hampton
(1938-1984)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

est. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER *Said by each in their own language*

**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,**

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton Nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,**

and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AT THE FRACTION:

Christ our Passover, Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

COMMUNION

L'hospitalité eucharistique est offerte à toute personne, quelle que soit sa confession ecclésiale.

*All are welcome to share in the Eucharist, the feast of the Lord's Supper. Communion will be administered today in front of the altar rail. **Please follow the directions of the ushers.***

You are invited to stand to receive communion. Please receive the bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. In accordance with current guidelines provided by the Bishop, we are offering wine at communion. You are invited to take a small sip; please do not dip your wafer in the wine.

Please inform an usher if you need communion brought to your pew.

This is a big city and we are concerned about theft; please take your coat, purse, and other belongings with you as you leave the pew.

PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION DURING COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself in the bread and wine of communion that becomes your Body and Blood. Grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls, and that we may have confidence in your promise to be with us always. Amen.

ANTHEM: *The Three Kings*

Peter Cornelius
(1824-1874)

Soloist: Three kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star; and this the quest of the travelers three, where the newborn King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. (Choir: How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heaven afar our Jesse tree now bloweth.) Soloist: The star shines out with steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend their knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the King; gold incense, myrrh are their offering. (Choir: Of Jacob's stem and David's line, for thee, my bridegroom King, divine, my soul with love o'erfloweth.) Soloist: Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem, the kings are traveling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting-place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King; offer thy heart! (Choir: Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

All are invited to stand, as able.

HYMN: 128, "We three kings"

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *March of the Priests* from *Athalia*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Please refrain from entering the Chapel of St. Paul the Traveler until the end of the voluntary. The service is being broadcast live, and the chapel is a production space.

SERVING TODAY: *Celebrant:* The Rev. Canon Nathaniel Katz; *Preacher:* The Rev. Timothy B. Safford; *Canon for Music:* Zachary Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Production:* Gaël de Fournas.

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Karen, Henri, JL, Kinesley, Louise, Barbara, Carol, Eleanor, Laurel, Sue, Bob, Harriet, Melissa, Peiro, Barbara, Donald, Jeremy, Françoise, Eleanor; and for those who have died, especially Gail Worth, Brian, Martha Virginia Champagne, Shen De Ming, Alice, Théodore, Michel Schilliger, Anna; and for all those affected by COVID-19.

Prayer requests may be sent to us at: communications@americancathedral.org We will offer them to God at our daily service of Noonday Prayer.

Coming Up

January 2023 Annual Appeal

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind us, we welcome the Epiphany season to reflect on the new year. It is also an opportune time to launch our Annual Appeal as it provides us with a chance to consider how we will contribute our time, talents and resources to the Cathedral in 2023.

You are called to give, called to respond to our ministry. The Cathedral enriches our lives and the community around us in many ways, but the Cathedral and everything in it depends on the efforts of members like you, including financial support in the form of pledges.

A pledge is a stated commitment to contribute a certain amount in the year ahead to provide for the Cathedral and its work. Pledges allow the church to budget responsibly, matching our ambitions to our means. Yet pledging is more than that: it is an act of thanksgiving for all we have received from God and an expression of our confidence that we can continue to rely on God's loving care.

To make a pledge online, please visit amcathparis.com/pledge. Together we can help give the Cathedral a brighter future. We thank you sincerely for your continued support.

Chris Barnes and Anne Pouret
Annual Appeal Co-chairs

Monday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m.
Zoom with the Treasurer

Do you have questions about the Cathedral's finances? Join Edward Bates and members of the Finance Committee for a Zoom with the Treasurer. Please register at www.amcathparis.com/events.

Our Search for a New Dean

The members of the **Discernment Team** have reviewed **all 44 of the applications they received** on December 1st for our next Dean! One review conference has taken place already to begin the work of narrowing the field, and another is scheduled for after the holidays. Thanks to the team whose hard prep work has allowed them to handle these applications carefully and efficiently! Questions? Contact our Transition Consultant the Rev. Canon Linda Grenz at transitions@tec-europe.org.

Support Us

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Support Music at the Cathedral via Les Arts George V

Les Arts George V (LAGV) supports the music at the Cathedral in many ways: among them hosting Les Dimanches Musicaux (LDM) and encouraging sponsorships and donations. Half the proceeds of LDM go to the Cathedral music program. In this season of renewal, you may wish to become a host of an LDM and enjoy good music while doing so. **To volunteer for hosting**, contact Kate Woodman at catherine_woodman@yahoo.com. Visit lagv.org/fr/dimanches-musicaux to see our upcoming concert schedule.

Or perhaps you would just like to be a sponsor or make a donation to show your appreciation of the excellent music the American Cathedral offers! Remember that in France, while LAGV receives 100% of your gift, you will receive 66% as a deduction on your income tax for 2022. **To give, visit www.lagv.org/en/support-lagy or scan this QR code.** For questions about sponsorship and donations, contact Kate Thweatt at thweatt@noos.fr.



Three Things to Know

Please **help keep our neighbors safe and warm this winter** by donating your new or lightly used winter gear to our **winter clothing drive**. We will offer collected items to our Sandwich Ministry guests and associations working with refugee communities and people living on the streets of Paris. Essentials: coats, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, pants, hats, gloves, scarves—in sizes 16 to adult. Small tins of food (tuna, sardines, etc.) are also very welcome. **Drop-offs begin January 8th, all morning**. More details to follow.

Join us for an **Organ Colloquium** next week! Come **learn how our organ works** and find out what is ailing it. A stellar **group of experts will be sharing their knowledge**, including Philipp Klais, the fourth-generation organ builder who will (assuming a successful Capital Campaign) be restoring it. We'll also hear from outstanding organists Frédéric Blanc, Samuel Liégeon, Dr. Carolyn Shuster Fournier, and Johann Vexo, as well as our own Zach Ullery and Andy Dewar. Join us on **Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m.** in person or online. The event is free and open to the public. An informal reception will follow.

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