

Epiphany Evensong

The Lucernarium & Service of Evensong

January 6, 2022

7:00pm



Adoration of the Magi - Luca di Tomme.

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church
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Welcome to ZOOM worship at St. Thomas.

*Prior to the beginning of the service,
you are invited to gather candles from around your home
and put them near you to be lit during the candle-lighting anthem.
Also, please consider sharing your reflection on your star word
that you received with your Christmas appeal letter.*

There are two ways to join Zoom worship:

1. by computer or smartphone (video and audio):

You may access our ZOOM meeting on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85959139220> Meeting ID: 859 5913 9220

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2. by telephone (audio only):

Dial +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 859 5913 9220

*When prompted for a participant number, touch the pound key #
Notes for dial-in users: *6 (star 6) to mute/unmute the audio from your phone
to the meeting. This doesn't stop audio from the meeting to you.
*9 (star 9) raise your hand to (hopefully) let someone else at the meeting know
you'd like to speak. You may use *9 again to lower your raised hand.
Actual connection time may take several minutes; please be patient.*

*Once you are connected, your face (or phone number) should appear
in a square on your screen, as will the faces of others who have signed in.*

Note: For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.

After the liturgy, all are invited to stay for a community gathering.

*You may print the order of service from this document,
OR you may follow along when the order of service appears on the screen.*




After a moment of silence, the service begins.

Fanfare on The Sussex Carol

Officiant:  People: 

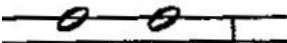
Light and peace, in Je-sus Christ our Lord__. Thanks_ be to God__.

The Prayer for Light

Officiant:  People:  Officiant: 

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Officiant: O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.


People: 

A - men.



*During the following anthem,
please light your candles.*

Anthem at the Candlelighting

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Cantor 1st, then People:  *repeat*

1. The Lord is my__ light__ and__ my__ sal - va - tion.
2. The Lord is my__ light__ and__ my__ sal - va - tion.

Cantor:  People: 

The Lord_ is the strength of my__ life:__ And_ my__ sal - va - tion.

Cantor:



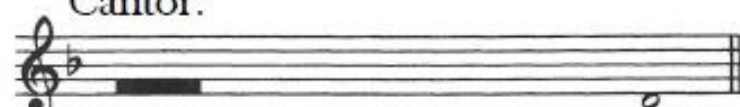
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the Ho-ly__ Spi - rit.

People:



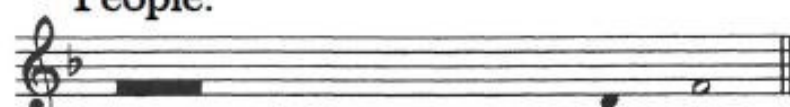
The Lord is my__ light__ and__ my__ sal - va - tion.

Cantor:



V. I will bless the Lord at all times.

People:



R. His praise shall ever be in my mouth.


Setting: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

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Anthem for Epiphany


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Cantor 1st, then People:



All nations shall be blessed in__ him,__ and__ do__

Repeat *Cantor:*

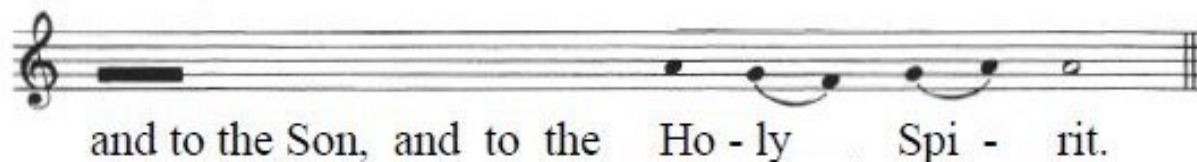


him__ ser - vice. All kings__ shall bow down be - fore__ him:__

People: *Cantor:*



And__ do__ him__ ser - vice. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther,



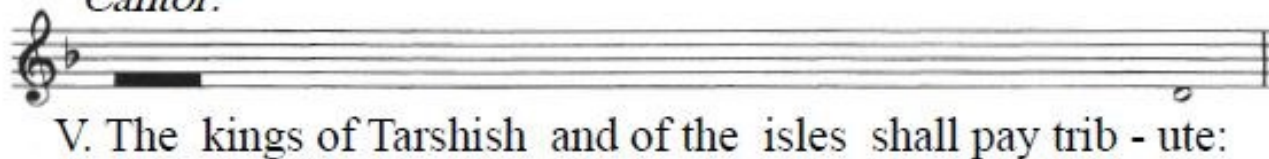
People:



All nations



Cantor:



People:



R. The kings of Arabia and Saba shall of - fer gifts.

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read in unison

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

**O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

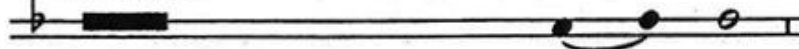
The Invitatory

Officiant:



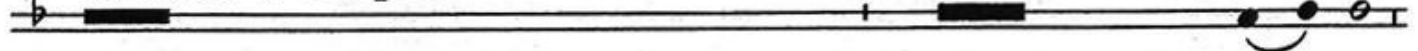
O God, make speed__ to save__ us.

People:



O Lord, make haste to help__ us.

Officiant & People:



'Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.



Al - le - lu — ia

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

The congregation may join with the cantor in singing the refrain:

Refrain:



All__ na - tions shall be - hold the won - ders God has done.

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. *Refrain (as above)*

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. *Refrain*



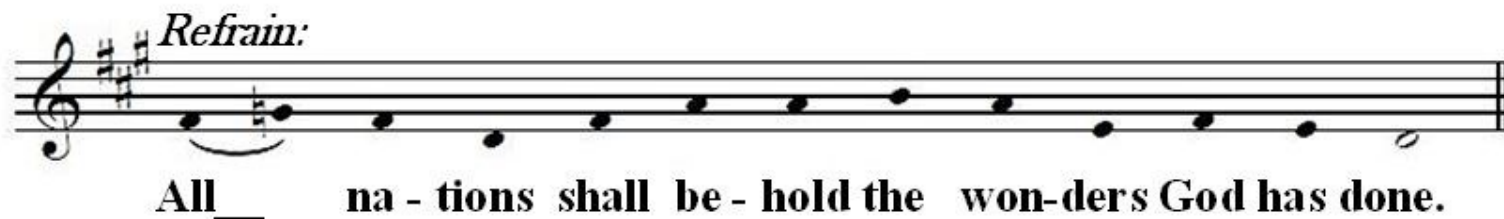
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. *Refrain*



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. *Refrain*



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. **Refrain**



Anthem

C.F. Alexander/Chartres, arr. Mark Schweitzer

Saw You Never in the Twilight?

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A Reading from *Reflections on the Unknowable* by Thomas Keating

Epiphany is the feast of contemplatives in all the world religions and in humanity. We have all been invited to become a contemplative just by the fact that we are all part of the human family. The culmination of the Christmas season is the feast of Epiphany, which means revelation. What revelation? Each of us is manifesting God, or at least have that potential, and in fact, along with every creature.

God is inviting us to participate in the union of his Son with our human nature. The incarnation of the Word made flesh is the marriage between the divine and human nature in Jesus Christ. We share in this mystery in virtue of the oneness of the human species and become one body with Christ.

Epiphany is the Christian celebration of what our brothers and sisters in the other religions call enlightenment. Enlightenment is the inward realization and consciousness of being identified with who we really are. We are not our false selves or egos. Kiss them goodbye. They have no future. We have to have an ego in some degree to function in this life, but the most important aspect of our life is the revelation of God that is going on all the time in the details of life.

*Say, Where Is He?*from *Christus*

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The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God**Reflections on Star Words**

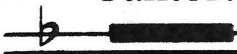
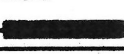

We Three Kings

Chris Schmidt, John Pieyrzyk, John McVey, soloists

The Apostles' Creed

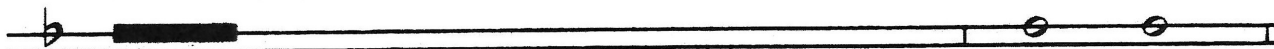
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

The Salutation and the Lord's Prayer

Cantor:	People:	Cantor:
		
The Lord be with you.	And also with you.	Let us pray.

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Cantor & People:

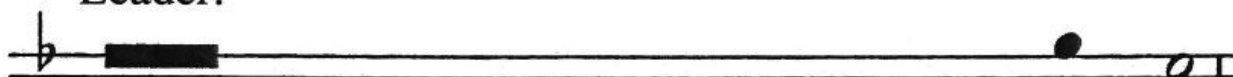


Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.

A - men.

The Suffrages B

Leader:



That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,

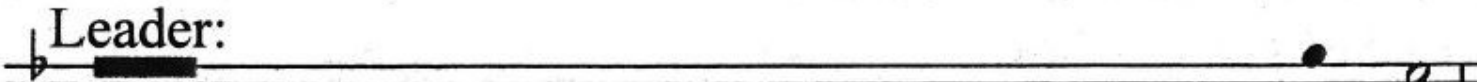
Response

People:



We en - treat you, O Lord.

Leader:



That your holy angels may lead us in path of peace and good-will,

Response

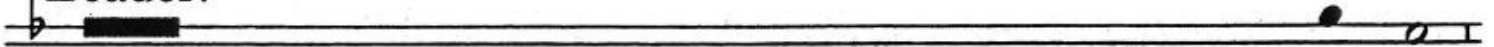
People:



We en - treat you, O Lord.

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Leader:



That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,

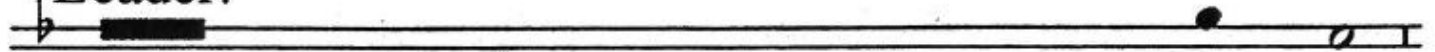
Response

People:



We en - treat you, O Lord.

Leader:



That there may be peace to your church and to the whole world,

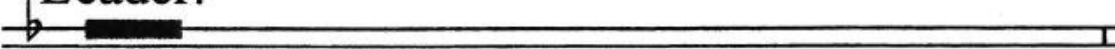
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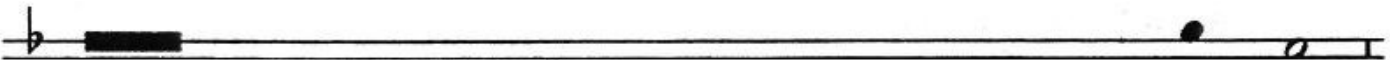


We en - treat you, O Lord.

Leader:



That we may depart this life in your faith and fear



and not be condemned before the great judg - ment seat of Christ,

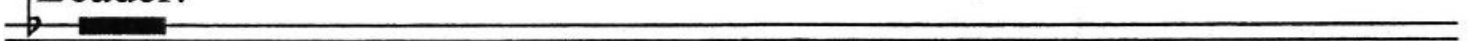
Response

People:



We en - treat you, O Lord.

Leader:



That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the commission of



Thomas and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

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Response

People:



We en - treat you, O Lord.

The Collects

Officiant: Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake.

People: Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

**All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Franz Gruber

[Silent Night](#)

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

The Grace

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant:
Let us bless the Lord. __

People:
Thanks be to God. __

Postlude

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah
Chorus from *Messiah*



Serving us at 7:00 pm

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Officiant: The Rev. Salying Wong

Cantors: Chris Schmidt, Patricia Pietrzyk

Lector: Dorothy Furgerson