



Epiphany Lessons and Carols
The First Sunday after the Epiphany
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4:00 p.m.

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Welcome to St. Paul's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God. Hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982, the blue book in the pew racks. Kindly turn cell phones and pagers off or put in vibrate mode.

Epiphany celebrates the appearance of God's glory in the world through the birth of Jesus, our Emmanuel ("God with us"), and the revelation of the incarnation to the Gentiles, and the whole world. It has been marked since the 3rd century with a Feast Day on the 6th of January and celebrated in both East and West in a rich variety of ways. In the Western Church, the emphasis has been on the nativity itself and the acknowledgment of Christ's sovereignty over all through the visit of the Magi bringing their gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh. The revelation of his true nature is echoed by the words of the prophet Simeon, the *Nunc Dimittis*, at the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (February 2nd) that marks the end of the season of Epiphany.

The Greek word epiphany means literally 'sudden appearance' and refers above all to the manifestation of God. This is the moment we see that Jesus is so much more than a good human being, a wise teacher and a moral example. In fact he is the Word become flesh. It is in this sense that Simeon declares him to be 'salvation' and 'a light to lighten the Gentiles.' Later Jesus calls himself 'the light of the World.' Thus the symbolism of light pervades both this season and this Epiphany Service of Lessons and Carols.

Christ calls us out of darkness and into light, so that we may recognize his affect on all creation. In this service, we pray that our eyes may be opened to see his glory; for all are made in the image and likeness of God.

Prelude, Three chorale preludes on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (Hymn 497)
Dietrich Buxtehude - Johann Pachelbel - Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The service begins with the church in darkness and quietness.

A Reading John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The candles are lighted during the singing of the anthem.

Invitatory Anthem I wonder as I wander

Appalachian Folk Carol
Arranged by John Rutter

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor ornery people like you and like I:
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. Lullaby.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cows' stall;
With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;
Or all of God's angels in heav'n to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King!

The people stand as the procession begins. The choir sings stanza 1. All sing stanzas 2-4.

Processional Hymn 82

Divinum mysterium

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have been, and that fu - ture
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Bidding Prayer

Officiant

Brothers and sisters, we are gathered to celebrate with joy the appearance of God's glory in the world through the birth of Jesus, who is *Emmanuel*, God with us; to reflect upon the visit of the magi bringing homage to their King at his birth; and, to hear the prophetic words of Anna and Simeon revealing the Christ child as a light to lighten all people. As we rejoice in this, the Word made flesh, who called us out of darkness into light, so we pray that his love and faithfulness may be known in all the world.

We pray for the unity and mission of Christ's Church, and for all who minister the gospel of Christ, we pray for the world, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God, and we pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful, the sick and the bereaved, and for all who have no one to pray for them.

May God our Father take us and use us in his service; may he open our eyes to see his glory, and equip us to bless his people, now and at all times. **Amen.**

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

I. The Word Made Flesh

The people remain standing. The Officiant says

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: They that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined.

Arise, shine, for your light has come:

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

First Lesson Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

After the reading the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem In dulci jubilo

Old German Tune
Arranged by R. L. Pearsall

In dulci jubilo
Let us our homage shew;
Our heart's joy reclineth
in praesepio
And like a bright star shineth
Matris in gremio. Alpha es et O!
O Patris caritas,
O Nati lenitas!
Deeply were we stained
Per nostra crimina;
But thou hast for us gained
Coelorum gaudia.
O that we were there!

O Jesu parvule!
I yearn for thee alway!
Hear me, I beseech thee,
O puer optime!
My prayer let it reach thee,
O Princeps gloriae! Trahe me post te!
Ubi sunt gaudia,
Where, if that they be not there?
There are angels singing
Nova cantica
There the bells are ringing
In Regis curia:
O that we were there!

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,
 Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;
 It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and
 cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Second Lesson Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After the reading the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Huna, blentyn, ar fy mynwes,
 Sleep my baby on my breast,
Clyd a chynnes ydyw hon,
 It is warm and cozy there,
Breichiau mam sy'n dynn amdanat,
 Mother's arms are tight around you,
Cariad mam sy dan fy mron;
 Mother's love dwells in my heart.
 None can harm you while you slumber,
 No one dares to harm you now.
Huna'n dawel, annwyl blentyn,
 Sleep so softly, dear my child,
Huna'n fwyn ar fron dy fam.
 Sleep so softly on my breast.
Huna'n dawel heno, huna,
 Sleep softly through the night,
Huna'n fyn, y tlws ei lun;
 Jewel of my tender love.
Pam yr wyt yn awry n gwenu
 Does a smile light those eyes,
Gwenu'n dirion yn dy hun?
 Stealing gently o'er thy face?

Ai angylion fry sy'n gwenu
 Do the angels smile above you,
Arnat ti yn gwenu'n llon?
 You who smile so sweetly now?
Tithau'n gwenu'n old an huno,
 You are smiling now and sleeping,
Huno'n dawel ar fy mron?
 Sleeping softly at my breast.
Paid ag ofni, dim ond deilen
 Do not fear, it's just a leaf,
Gura, gura ar y ddôr:
 Beating, beating at the door.
Paid ag ofni, ton fach unig
 Do not fear, it's just a little wave
Sua, sua'r lan y môr.
 Whisp'ring on the shore.
 Sleep my baby, there is nothing
 Here to frighten you tonight.
Gwena'n dawel yn fy mynwes,
 Smile so gently on my breast
Ar yr engyl gwynion draw.
 At the angels up above.

English words adapted from Welsh; Welsh words: Robert Byran

Hymn 124

Puer nobis

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 - tles 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.

II. The King of the Nations

The people stand.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow; in heaven, on earth and under the earth: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Nations shall come to your light:

And Kings to your dawning brightness.

Collect

Almighty Father, by the leading of a star you revealed your only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: In your mercy grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people are seated.

Anthem

Epiphany Alleluias

John Weaver

Third Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

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 reading the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 98

Puer nobis nascitur



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
 2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and
 3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in
 4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to
 *5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the
 2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that
 3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at
 4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -
 5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.
 2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.
 3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - ry.
 4 to the joys a - bove - - - us.
 5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

Fourth Lesson Matthew 2:13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

After the reading the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Anthony Piccolo

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green. The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought. I missed of all but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil; Here will I sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be Of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; It keeps my dying faith alive, Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree. *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs* New Hampshire 1784.

III. Light to the World

The people stand.

But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship in spirit and truth.

And the Lord, whom you seek:

Shall suddenly come to his temple.

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh, and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: Grant that in him we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, and in the world may reflect his glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people remain standing.

The Fifth Lesson Luke 2:21-28

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God.

After the reading the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people are seated.

Anthem

Long, long ago

Herbert Howells

Long, long ago,
Oh! So long ago
Christ was born in Bethlehem
To heal the world's woe.
His Mother in the stable
Watched him where he lay
And knew for all his frailty
He was the world's stay.

While he lay there sleeping
In the quiet night
She listened to his breathing
And oh! Her heart was light.
She tended him and nursed him,
Giving him her breast,
And knew that it was God's son
In her crook'd arm at rest.

Shepherds at the sheep folds
Knew him for their King;
And gold and myrrh and frank incense
Three wise men did bring.
For he should be the Saviour,
Making wars to cease,
Who gives joy to all men,
And brings to them peace.

Welcome

Closing Prayers

Dismissal

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

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Procession Improvisation on *Regent Square*

The people remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.

A Reception for all follows the service in the Lilly Room.

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