



Epiphany Lessons and Carols  
The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 10, 2010  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> century with a Feast Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>) 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.

*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** O nata lux

Morten Lauridsen

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum  
laudes preces que sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contegi  
dignatus es pro perditis.  
Nos membra confer effici,  
tui beati corporis.

O born light of light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
mercifully deem worthy and accept  
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.  
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost ones,  
grant us to be made members  
of your holy body.

Translation by earthsongs

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

Processional Hymn 82, Of the Father's love begotten

*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.**

## 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 for the sentences, collects and hymns and remain seated for the anthems and lessons.*

## I. The Word Made Flesh

*The people stand.*

*Officiant:* 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:

*People* 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.**

### 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.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 497, How bright appears the Morning Star

*Wie schön leuchtet*

### 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.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Anthem Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter

Softly a light is stealing,  
Sweetly a maiden sings,  
Ever wakeful, ever wistful,  
Watching faithfully, thankfully,  
Tenderly her King of Kings.  
My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour

Mary her song to Jesus  
Softly, serenely sings:  
I will love you, I will serve you,  
May my lullaby glorify,  
Magnify my King of Kings'. Lullaby,

## II. The King of the Nations

*The people stand.*

*Officiant* 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:

*People* 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.**

### 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.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Anthem, The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius  
Arranged by Ivor Atkins

Three kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travelers three,  
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.  
The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they sow to the King;  
God, incense, myrrh are their offering.  
Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The kings are travelling, 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.

How brightly shines the morning star!  
With grace and truth from heaven afar  
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.

Of Jacob's stem and David's line,  
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,  
My soul with love o'erfloweth.

Thy word, Inly feeds us,  
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing.  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

**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.

**People**    Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 98**, Unto us a boy is born!

*Puer nobis nascitur*

**Anthem**

Riu, riu, chiu

16<sup>th</sup> Century Spanish Villancico

Riu, riu, chiu  
La guarda ribera  
Dios guarde el lobo  
De nuestra cordera.  
El lobo rabioso la quiso morder,  
Mas Dios poderoso la supo defender;  
Quisola hazer que no pudiesse pecar,  
Ni aun original esta Virgen no tuviera.  
Riu, riu, chiu, etc.  
Este qu'es nascido es el gran monarca,  
Cristo patriarca de carne vestido;  
Hanos redimido con se hazer chiquito,  
Aunqu'era infinito, finito se hizera.  
Riu, riu, chiu, etc.  
Muchas profecias lo han profetizado,  
Y aun en nuestros dias lo hemos alcanzado.  
A Dios humanado vemos en el suelo  
Y al hombre nel cielo porqu'er le quisiera.  
Riu, riu, chiu, etc.  
Yo vi mil garcones que andavan cantando,  
Por aqui bolando, haciendo mil sonos,  
Diziendo a gascones Gloria sea en el cielo,  
Y paz en el suelo ques Jesus nasciera.  
Riu, riu, chiu, etc.

Riu, riu, chiu (nightingale's sounds)  
The river bank protects it,  
As God kept the wolf  
from our lamb.  
The rabid wolf tried to bite her,  
But God Almighty knew how to defend her,  
He wished to create her impervious to sin,  
Nor was this maid to embody original sin.  
Riu, riu, chiu, etc.  
The newborn child is the mightiest monarch,  
Christ patriarchal invested with flesh.  
He made himself small and so redeemed us:  
He who was infinite became finite.  
Riu, riu, chiu, etc.  
Many prophecies told of his coming,  
And now in our days have we seen them fulfilled.  
God became man, on earth we behold him,  
And see man in heaven because he so willed.  
Riu, riu, chiu, etc.  
A thousand singing herons I saw passing,  
Flying overhead, sounding a thousand voices,  
Exulting, "Glory be in the heavens, and peace on  
Earth, for Jesus has been born."  
Riu, riu, chiu, etc.

### III. Light to the World

*The people stand.*

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

And the Lord, whom you seek:

**People**        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 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.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

Nunc Dimittis (*St. Mark's Service*)

Gerald Near

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,

And to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Luke 2:29-32

## Welcome

## Closing Prayers

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Hymn 93, Angels, from the realms of glory

*Regent Square*

## Procession Improvisation on *Wie schön leuchtet*

*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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