



**CHORAL EVENSONG  
for Epiphany**

THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 6, 2022  
AT 7:30 P.M.

Church of the Holy Comforter  
Vienna, Virginia





# The Epiphany

## The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia  
Evening Prayer Rite II

January 6, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

*The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 117.  
Tonight's offering is designated for Music Events, which provides underwriting for  
concerts and special music presentations at Holy Comforter.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** Fantasia on *Wie schön leuchtet* (Hymn 497), part I  
*The people stand as the procession enters the church.*

Dietrich Buxtehude

### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

THE PRECES, HYMNAL, S 58

*Officiant*  
O God, make speed to save us.

*People*  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and 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.

*Except in Lent, add:*

Al - le - lu - ia.

**PHOS HILARON, HYMN 124** "What star is this, with beams so bright"  
*Sung by all.*

*Puer nobis*

**PSALM 72:1-7,10-14** *Deus, judicium*  
*Sung by the choir. The people are seated.*

Paraphrase of *Wie schön leuchtet*

- 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.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:
- As it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be forever. Amen.

## **THE LESSONS**

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MAGNIFICAT:** Evening Canticles in D Major  
*Sung by the choir. The people stand.*

David Kelley

My soul and spirit, filled with joy,  
My God and Savior praise,  
Whose goodness did from poor estate  
His humble handmaid raise.

Me blessed of God, the God of might,  
All ages shall proclaim;  
From age to age his mercy lasts,  
And holy is his name.

Strength with his arm th'Almighty showed;  
The proud his looks abased;  
He cast the mighty to the ground,  
The meek to honor raised.

The hungry with good things were filled,  
The rich with hunger pined:  
He sent his servant Israel help,  
And called his love to mind;

Which to our fathers' ancient race  
His promise did ensure,  
To Abram and his chosen seed  
Forever to endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, and is,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

### **THE SECOND LESSON** [*The people are seated.*]

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Canticles in D Major

David Kelley

*Sung by the choir. The people stand.*

Now, Lord! according to thy word,  
Let me in peace depart;  
Mine eyes have thy salvation seen,  
And gladness fills my heart.

At length my arms embrace my Lord,  
Now let their vigor cease;  
At last my eyes my Savior see,  
Now let them close in peace.

This great salvation, long prepared,  
And now disclosed to view,  
Hath proved thy love was constant still,  
And promises were true.

That Sun I now behold, whose light  
Shall heathen darkness chase,  
And rays of brightest glory pour  
Around thy chosen race.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, and is,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED [*Sung by all, standing.*]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

SALUTATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER, HYMNAL, S 62

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

*Officiant and People*  
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Our Father, who art in heaven...ever. A - men.

SUFFRAGES A, HYMNAL, S 52

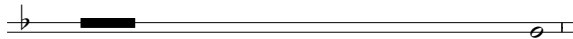
*Cantor or Officiant*  
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V. Show us your mer - cy,    O Lord;

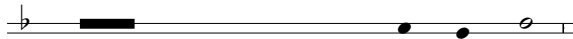
*People*  
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R. And grant us your salva - tion.

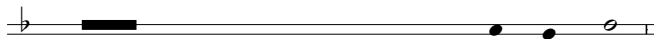
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V. Clothe your ministers with    right - eous - ness;

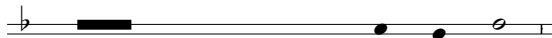
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R. Let your people sing with    joy.


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V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

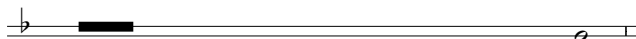
  
R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.


  
V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;

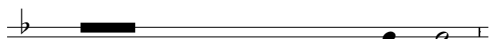
  
R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.


  
V. Let your way be known up - on earth;

  
R. Your saving health among all na - tions.

  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;

  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.

  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

**COLLECTS AND A PRAYER FOR MISSION**

**ANTHEM: "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"**

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

*Star in the East, from The Southern Harmony*

Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,  
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favor secure,  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

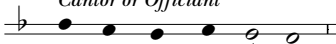
**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING** *[Said by all, standing.]*

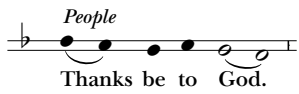
**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption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

**HYMN 128** "We three kings of Orient are"

*Three Kings of Orient*

**CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE, HYMNAL, S 65**

*Cantor or Officiant*  
  
Let us bless the Lord.



**BLESSING** *[The people respond,]*

**Amen.**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** Fantasia on *Wie schön leuchtet* (Hymn 497), part II

Dietrich Buxtehude

*The people remain standing until the procession has left the church. If you would like to stay and hear the entire postlude, please feel free to move toward the front of the nave. You are invited to join us for a reception following the service.*