

**EPIPHANY****JANUARY 6, 2019**

8:00 A.M.

Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)

10:30 A.M.

Rite II: beginning on page 355 (red book)

Prelude

Opening Hymn *We three kings* 128 (blue book)

Opening Acclamation 355 (red book)

Hymn of Praise *Glory to you* S 236 (front blue book)

Collect of the Day 214 (red book)

I reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 685 (red book)

II reading Ephesians 3:1-12

Gradual Hymn *Earth has many a noble city* 127 (blue book)

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Homily The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

*R. The maker of heaven and earth.*

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

*R. From this time forth for evermore.*

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Nicene Creed 358 (red book)

Prayers of the People 392 (red book)

Confession 360 (red book)

The Peace

## Offertory

Presentation of Alms     *Praise God from whom all blessing flow*     400 (blue book)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him on high ye heavenly host.

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving     367 (red book)

Sanctus     *Holy, holy, holy, Lord*     S 128 (front blue book)

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant "gluten-free".*

Communion Hymn     *Bless the Lord my soul*     825 (green book)

Post Communion Prayer     366 (red book)

Blessing

Closing     *As with gladness men of old*     119 (blue book)

Dismissal     366 (red book)

## **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.

### **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.

### **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.



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