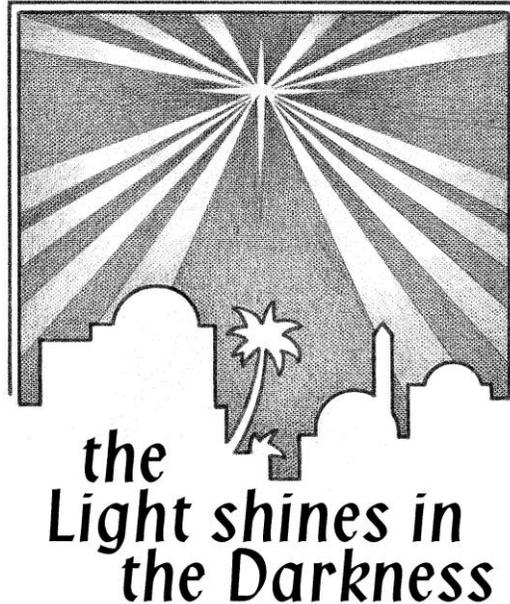


The Feast of the Epiphany
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
January 6, 2019



The Celebration of Holy Baptism & Holy Communion
Ten o'clock in the morning

Adult Forum – 9:00 AM

Sunday School for Youth and Young Adults – 9:30 AM

Nursery Care, Sunday School for Pre-K through Middle School – 10 AM

The Prelude “As with Gladness Men of Old” Melody Kelley

The Processional Hymn: # 76 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The First Reading **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 72: 1-7, 10-14 *Deus, iudicium*

- 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.

The Second Reading **Ephesians 3: 1-12**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

The Gradual Hymn: # 127 "Earth Has Many A Noble City" Vs 1-2

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gradual Hymn: # 127 "Earth Has Many A Noble City" .. Vs 3



Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: **We present Owen Adam to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant addresses the congregation saying Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with the candidate and his family and godparent who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People* **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.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People* **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.**
- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

- Celebrant* Let us now pray for Owen who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: "I Was There"

I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry

Text and Music: "Waterlife"
John Ylvisaker

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are
 2. When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to cheer you
 3. In the mid - die ag - es of your life, not too old, no long - er
 old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un -
 on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to whom you now be -
 young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be -
Fine
 fold. I was there when you were but a child with a
 long. If you find some - one to share your time and you
 gun. When the eve - ning gen - ly clos - es in and you
 faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have
D.C. al Fine (last time)
 wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun. *rit.*
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit that he who is cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Owen Adam, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying

Owen Adam, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.



The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The kings and camels are brought to the manger

Offertory sentence.

Music at the Offertory “Creator of the Stars of Night” by Johann Franck

The Doxology # 380, Verse 3..... “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S125 (*Sing in unison*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Christopher and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Prayers for healing are offered at the back of the church during Holy Communion
or at the front of the church after the service*

The Communion Hymns: # 124..... “What Star Is This”
296..... “We Know That Christ Is Raised”
339..... “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray:

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: #128..... “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Announcements

The Dismissal

Minister: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Postlude “March of the Kings”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Altar flowers Sunday January 6** – given by Anne and Mike Volkmer celebrating Owen’s baptism.
- ☆ **Tuesday January 8** – 6:30 – 8:00 Girl Scouts Fairborn Service Unit meeting.
- ☆ **Sunday January 13** – 11:30 Vestry Meeting
- ☆ **Sunday January 20** – Discretionary Fund offering
- ☆ **Sunday January 20** – ECW used book sale
- ☆ **Sunday January 20** – **Annual meeting, elections, and Potluck.**
- ☆ **Monday January 21** – **HOLIDAY** Martin Luther King Jr.
- ☆ **Monday January 21** – Deadline for **February 2019 Lantern** articles and info.
- ☆ **Sunday January 27** – 4th Sunday for **FISH** donations.
- ☆ **Weekly Healing Service** – **Tuesdays at noon** a Healing Service with Holy Communion.
- ☆ **Thursdays** – 7:00 Choir
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- ☆ **Thursdays – 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice**
- ☆ **Check sign-up sheets** – On the counter in Christopher’s Corner there are sign-up sheets for **altar flowers**, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW/M activities, Prayer Chain, etc. ****Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers and/or to host Coffee Hour. Many dates are available!**
- ☆ **OUTREACH** –Remember **Box Tops for Education**. Please continue with donations for **FISH**; they need shampoo, tooth brushes, cereal, peanut butter, deodorant, toilet paper, sugar, and other Food items. And feed your change to our bank – for 2 cents a meal.
- ☆ **Prayer Concerns**: Please call or email Joyce D’Alessandris to activate the Prayer Tree. email: rjdallessandris@gmail.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The January Lantern** will be available at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.



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 Grandparents: Larry and Carol Volkmer,
 Catherine Gollan and Bryan Call, Graham Gollan

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**“Living the Great Commandment by Ministering
to Our Neighbors in Body, Mind and Spirit.”**

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