

Calvary Episcopal Church
Indian Rocks Beach, FL

“To know Christ and to make Him known”

THE EPIPHANY

Sunday on the Eve of Epiphany

January 5, 2025



Journey of the Magi, James Tissot 1894

9:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II

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The Rector's Welcome

We are so glad to have you worship with us today. Your presence is a blessing to us.

Since 1962, our congregation has been worshipping in Indian Rocks Beach. By joining us this day, you become part of this vibrant tradition of prayer, praise, and fellowship.

The purpose of Christian worship is to proclaim the redeeming works of God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. We do this by proclaiming God's Word through Holy Scripture, praying for the world and ourselves, and, most importantly, gathering around the altar to celebrate the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Our prayer is that you will come to know Christ and, in turn, help make Him known, joining our growing Parish family in this mission.

We are grateful to be in the Sanctuary, worshipping together once more after being displaced by the flooding caused by the hurricane. While the restoration of our space is still in progress, we ask you to look past the unfinished walls and dust, as we continue rebuilding after the damage sustained in September. This Christmas season, we celebrate not only God's goodness but also the opportunity to be restored and renewed by the love of Jesus Christ. The Christmas Offering and the Christmas Gift for the Rector & Staff will be published one last time, today, the Last Day, 11th Day of Christmas!

May God bless your time with us, and may you feel the power of His redeeming love and embrace.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Jon Roberts
Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church



Our Christmas Offering

**SUNDAY VISITOR
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The Sunday Customary

An Order of Christian Worship

*Please enter worship quietly and reverently, in consideration of others.
Cell phones should be silenced or turned off. Thank you.*

Prelude

Epiphania Domini, Élévation

Charles Tournemire

Processional Hymn

We three kings of Orient are

Hymn #128

1. We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3. Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. [Refrain]

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia
the earth replies. [Refrain]

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis (*Sung in unison*)

Hymn S-280

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. ✠ *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

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. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

The First Lesson (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Deus, iudicium

said responsively by the people

Leader: Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

People: **That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**

Leader: That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

People: **He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

Leader: He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

People: **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**

Leader: In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

People: **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

Leader: All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.

People: **For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

Leader: He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

People: **He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

The Epistle (Ephesians 3:1-12)

Reader: A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymn #135 (vss. 1-2)

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

The Holy Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)

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

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

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and praise

Hymn #135 (vss. 3-4)

3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

4 Manifest on mountain height,
shining in resplendent light,
Where disciples filled with awe
thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou ledest them
steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest,
God in man made manifest.

Sermon

The Rev. Jon Roberts

Nicene Creed (*All stand, if able*)

BCP pgs. 358

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made

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man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead ☩, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Form III)

BCP p. 387

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Deacon: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Deacon: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Deacon: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Deacon: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Deacon: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Deacon: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Deacon: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Deacon: We pray for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Patty Olsen, Kacey Call, and Jerald Call. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(we invite you to share you intercessions)*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The General Confession

BCP p. 359

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Most merciful God, . . .

All: (Stand or kneel, if able): . . . we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace *(All stand, if able)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

Please exchange the peace with those around you – Visitors Cards or QR code is available

Announcements

All Baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion and others are encouraged to receive a Blessing from the priest, especially young children who have not yet made their first Communion. After reception, quietly return to your pew and pray.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Remain seated for the offertory. Oblations and Offerings will be presented at the Doxology.

Offertory Anthem

Star in the East

The Southern Harmony

The Offering Plates will be circulated, or you may make your offering by QR code.

Doxology

Old 100th – Isaac Watts

Hymn #380 (vs.3)

Please stand and sing as offerings and oblations are brought forward

*All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

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.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Proper Preface -said by Celebrant

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

Sanctus

Hymn S-125

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ✠
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

The people may stand or kneel

Celebrant: 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." ✠

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: 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 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. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever.

People: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymn S-152



Celebrant: Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



People: There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: 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.

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Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silent

Hymn #324

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: 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 & Dismissal

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn

What star is this with beams so bright

Hymn #124

Postlude

Fantasie-Chorale

Gabriel Johnston

Those present should remain reverent through the playing of this special, concluding music. Let it be a time of continued meditation on God's Word & Sacrament, to which you have received. You may also leave quietly, not to disturb this peace.

Those Serving Today

Celebrant: Fr. Jon Roberts

Deacon: Dcn. Chad Olson

Subdeacon: Josh Hankins

Gabriel Johnston and the Choir

Prayers For Healing, Comfort & Strength

Prayers are maintained on a weekly basis.

Please notify the Office if prayers are requested for members or friends of the Parish.

Members: Rich Deary, Connie Curran, Cynthia Laitinen, Dodie Spahr, Pat Whalen & Steve Hein, Martha Kelley, Melissa Willbee, Marilyn Clark, Kate Veeder, Joy & Sam Sawmiller, Sally Donnor, Betty Cole, Bernd Koester, Brent Blackstock.

Members impacted by hurricane Helene: Bob, Cherie & Molly Angelo, Lisa Galish, Gary & Juliette Spivack, Michelle, Kenneth & Kali Stegeby, Patti Brady & Ed Kloskowski, Ron & Pat Chorny, Devi Samaroo, Gordon & Natalia Ross, Brent & Melanie Blackstock.

Friends of the Parish: Kathy Deary, Diane Spahr, Dean Spahr, John Robb, Sgt. Billy Gudzak U.S. Army-Ret., Rachel Ballard, Hudson Getreu, Paisley Blaskovich, Hod Hunt, John Robb, Ray Traver, Landon Martin, Karen Renfro, Kathleen Powers.

For those serving in the Military (Active): Jeremiah Gill (Schock family), Thomas Blaskovich (Beals family), Evan Chandler (Athanson family);

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Patty Olsen (5), Kacey Call (9), Jerald Call (11).

If your birthday or anniversary was inadvertently left out, please let us know so we may correct.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

Carol Adams in memory of her husband, Bill Adams;

Kathy Cummings in memory of her husband, Ken Cummings;

Denna Shiben in memory of her mother and father, Mary Ruth and DL Owen;

Julie & Chris Capsambelis in memory of their mothers, Shirley Meredith and Eleanor Ross;

Kathryn Powers in memory of her father, Sidney Renfro;

Ann Matter in memory of her husband, John Matter;

Katherine Brillat in thanksgiving for her mother, Susan Brillat and in memory of her father, Harvey Brillat.

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The Christmas Offering and Christmas Gift will continue this day for the services provided on this sacred occasion of Christ's Nativity, dedicated to the Glory of God on High for sending Jesus to be born of a virgin and to be the Savior of the world. We honor God by giving to His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic church as the Real Presence of Christ. We appreciate your generosity for the occasion. Offering plates or digital giving options available.

A special thanksgiving is offered to all who made Christmas very special in light of all the circumstances around the construction, especially Fr. Roberts, Lynne, Karen, Kim & Julie, Johnny, Brad & the "Boys", Gabriel, & choirs, Julie & Chris, Bob & Cherie, Terry & Marsha, Greg & Patty, Dcn. Chad, Melissa, Liz, Cathy & the AG, the Vestry, and many others.

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Use it to stay in the readings and to invite others to church