



CHRIST CHURCH

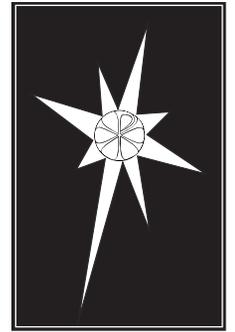
CAÑON CITY, COLORADO



Welcome Visitors! We welcome you as one of our family. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. We look forward to an opportunity to visit with you and send you our newsletter, *The Belltower*. We hope that your worship with us today is especially meaningful. Please join us if you can for refreshments in the Parish Hall after this service. We also invite you to sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

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THE EPIPHANY



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The story of Jesus' birth is difficult and disturbing. Matthew tells us that God's incarnation is not easy and peaceful. His coming into this world, like his going, is surrounded by intrigue, violence and loss of innocent life. To seek God among us, to follow and proclaim him, to re-member him and continue "revealing the mystery" to the world require courage and risk and trust, and the following of small and unexpected lights to guide the way.

10 A.M. Liturgy Holy Eucharist (Rite II)



THE PROCLAMATION
OF
THE WORD OF GOD

The Processional

"Brightest and Best of the Stars"

HYMNAL 117

The Opening Salutation

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

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

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.

People: Amen.

The Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

People: Amen.

The First Lesson - Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader: In our first lesson the prophet envisions the end of exile and the glorious restoration of Jerusalem. 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*



- 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 Lesson - Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader: In our second lesson Paul sets forth the theme of his apostolic commission: the revealed mystery that Christ's salvation extends beyond Judaism to include all people.
A reading from the Letter of Paul to the church at Ephesus.



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: "*We Three Kings*" - 4HYMN!

*We three kings of orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.*

CHORUS

*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 forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.*

CHORUS

*3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising all men raising, worship Him God on high.*

CHORUS

*4. Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.*

CHORUS

*5. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heaven replies.*

CHORUS

The Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant or Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to 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 or Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Mark Meyer

The Nicene Creed: *PRAYER BOOK P. 358*

The Prayers of the People

The Confession: *PRAYER BOOK P. 360*

The Peace AND Announcements:

GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH “THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE ALWAYS WITH YOU.” “AND ALSO WITH YOU.”

The Children’s Sermon: The Rev. Mark Meyer



THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory:

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Music: “*What Child is This?*” - 4HYMN!

*What Child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear for sinners here, the silent word is pleading.
Nails, spears shall pierce Him through the cross be born, for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high; the Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.
the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

The Presentation of the Gifts: Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A - PRAYER BOOK P. 361

† **Lift Up Your Hearts** - PRAYER BOOK, P. 361

† **The Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glo---ry.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glo---ry.*

*Ho-san-na 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*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glo---ry.*

† **The Mystery of Faith** - PRAYER BOOK, P. 363

*Christ has died, Alleluia.
Christ is risen, Alleluia.
Christ will come again, Al--le--lu Al---le---lu---ia
[REPEAT 3 TIMES]*

† **The Great Amen** - PRAYER BOOK, P. 363

† **The Lord's Prayer** - PRAYER BOOK, P. 364

† **The Breaking of the Bread** - PRAYER BOOK, P. 364

*Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

† **The Invitation** - PRAYER BOOK, P. 364



The Communion: *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at our Altar rail or the station by the piano. You are invited to the Lord's Supper! If you don't feel comfortable receiving communion, you're still invited to come to the Altar rail or the station by the piano for a blessing. Simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate you do not wish to receive communion. If you wish to receive communion and can not walk to the Altar rail or piano, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you in the pew.*

THE COMMUNION MUSIC:

1ST HYMN - "Eat This Bread"

*“Eat this Bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this Bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.”*

2ND HYMN - “Song of Heaven” - 4HYMN! [W/M BEARPAW 12.2012 BEARPAW PRODUCTIONS]

*This is the song we will sing in heaven; Holy, Holy, is the Lord!
In the light of His presence, We will all bow before Him;*

CHORUS

*This is the song of heaven. I can hardly wait to sing it;
Come let us gather, and share our meal with God;
Holy, Holy, is the Lord! Holy, Holy, is the Lord!*

*God takes away our tears and our fears; Holy, Holy, is the Lord!
Cherubim and seraphim, Angels and I will boldly say; CHORUS*

*Mar-anatha. Mar-anatha. Mar-anatha. Come O Lord!
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus Amen. Come, my Lord! CHORUS x2*

The Post-Communion Prayer

PRAYER BOOK, P. 366

Eucharistic Visitor Blessing

Celebrant: [Name], we send you out to share Communion this week with [Name.]

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament to Christ’s People.

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

The Blessing: *PRAYER BOOK, P. 366*

The Processional to Serve:

“Shout to the North” - 4HYMN!

*Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.*

CHORUS :

*SHOUT to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.*

*Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love.
CHORUS (X2)*

*We’ve been through fire, we’ve been through rain;
We’ve been refined by the power of His name.
We’ve fallen deeper in love with You. You’ve burned the truth on our lips.
CHORUS (X2)*

*Rise up church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we’ll fly.
CHORUS (X2)*

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

The Dismissal: *PRAYER BOOK, P. 366*

Our Calendar This Week

Sun Jan 6	11:45 am	Vestry meeting in chapel
Mon Jan 7		Rector's Sabbath
Tue Jan 8	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast at Mr Ed's
Tue Jan 8	5 pm	Prayers for the Parish in office
Tue Jan 8	7 pm	Men4Him at Fr Mark's
Wed Jan 9	7 am	Men4Him in office
Wed Jan 9	8:30 am	Finance meeting in office
Thu Jan 10	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist/Healing Prayer in chapel
Sat Jan 12	8 am	Women's Bible Study in parish hall
Sat Jan 12	5 pm	Casual Eucharist in chapel
Sun Jan 13	2 pm	Music Recital at Christ Episcopal Church



The Cover – Symbols of Our Faith Matthew 2:9

This Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany, or Manifestation (revelation) of Christ to the Gentiles. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "showing forth, appearance, manifestation, revelation." The Feast of the Epiphany proclaims the good news that Jesus revealed God to all humanity. Epiphany is more than a feast day or even a season of the Church. It is the time in which we all live. God continues to manifest himself to us, and as Christians, we are called always to show forth Christ to the world.