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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 7, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



Mike Moyers, *Awake My Soul*, 2011

Today, we celebrate Epiphany, or the visitation of three men from the east, sometimes called kings, wise men, or magi, to the baby Jesus. The word epiphany has its origins in Greek and means the appearance or manifestation of the divine in human form. Certainly, the visit to the holy family by the magi represents an epiphany for them, as they encountered God made flesh in the infant Jesus. Epiphany is also a time of personal celebration as we rejoice in the encounter we each have with Christ at Christmastide and throughout the year, as he comes to live in our hearts and is made present in the world by the lives we lead.

Gathering

Carillon

*All rise as able

Prelude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

Dieterich Buxtehude

(c. 1637–1707)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Introit | Please stand and face the main entrance to the Chapel.

Christ, Bless This House

Mark Mummert

Christe mansionem benedicat.

Christ bless this house.

Through wisdom a house is built,
and through understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms are filled
with rare and beautiful treasures.

Christe mansionem benedicat.

—*traditional liturgical; Proverbs 9:1*

*Epiphany Blessing and Chalking of the Door | Ritual can be found at the end of the worship guide.

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 254

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

Almighty God, who sent a star to guide the magi to the holy child Jesus: we confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

***Peace** | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

**Almighty God, pour upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:
Grant that this light, glowing in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 649 in pew Bibles.

Isaiah 60:1–6

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody | The congregation chants the verses in bold.

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14



Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;
**that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.**
**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.



Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.

**In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace
till the moon shall | be no more.**

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.**

May all kings bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.

For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.

**He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,
and preserves the lives | of the needy.**

**From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,
and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

New Testament Lesson | NT pages 181–182 in pew Bibles.

Ephesians 3:1–12

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn | See the end of the worship guide; stanzas 1–3. Turn to face the Gospel procession.

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 1–2 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 2:1–12

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn | See the end of the worship guide; stanzas 4–6.

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

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Sermon

Manifesting God

Response

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Offertory Anthem

A Piedmont Epiphany Carol

arr. Chad Fothergill

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.

Refrain

Brightest and best...

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops 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. *Refrain*

What shall we give him, in costly devotion?
Shall we bring incense and off'ings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine? *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

—Reginald Heber (1783–1826), *alt.*

*Doxology

GREENSLEEVES

So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come peas - ant,
king, to own him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let
lov - ing hearts en - throne him. This, this is Christ the
king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing.

**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, forever.
Amen.**

Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction

Deep Peace

Ray Makeever

Deep peace of the running waves,
deep peace of the flowing air,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth.

—*Celtic traditional*

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 188

Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Postlude

Moderato, from *Drei tonstücke*

Niels Gade (1817–1890)

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Kathryn Lester-Bacon *Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*
Racquel Gill *Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel*

Preacher

Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Walker Robinson *Trinity '00, Graduate '01, Medicine '09*
Jun Tan *Chapel Scholar, Trinity '26*

Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir *Choir*
Zebulon Highben *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Chad Fothergill *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Eric Pritchard *Violin*
Katherine Johnson *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Aaron Colston *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Usher

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Liturgical Acknowledgments | Prayer for Enlightenment. The Episcopal Church, *The Book of Common Prayer* (New York: Church Publishing Incorporated, 1979). **Bright and Glorious Is the Sky.** Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig (1783–1872); tr. Jens Christian Aaberg (1877–1970), alt. Music, DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ: Danish melody (19th cent.). Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Today's Offering | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Today's Flowers | The Advent Wreath is made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The wreaths on either side of the front entrance to the Chapel and the interior decorations are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

ENGAGE

University Prayer of Thanksgiving | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the Department of Physics.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

Tour After the Service | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

Epiphany Lessons and Carols | Today at 4:00 pm, the Chapel's Evensong Singers will lead a service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany. Based on the formula made famous by the Christmas Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge, this service follows a similar pattern of readings, choral anthems, and congregational hymns.

Volunteers Needed | Donated cooked lasagnas to serve twenty-four (such as two party-sized Stouffer's lasagnas) are needed for the monthly dinner to help feed our unsheltered neighbors at Urban Ministries of Durham, on Sunday, January 14, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact congregation@duke.edu to indicate plans to bring hot lasagna to Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St., Durham. Four to six volunteers are also needed to stay to plate the meals.

Back Pew Collection | Urban Ministries of Durham, a home for unsheltered neighbors, welcomes donations of new men's socks and underwear. Donations may be placed on the back pew on Sundays, January 14 and 21.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

EPIPHANY BLESSING AND CHALKING OF THE DOOR

*Since medieval times Christians have blessed doorways on or around the feast of the Epiphany. All are invited to return home with this insert, mark the home's threshold, and ask God's blessing using the pattern printed here. The letters C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the biblical magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) as well as the Latin phrase *Christe mansionem benedicat* ("May Christ bless this house") sung in today's introit.*

Leader: May peace be to this house and to all who enter here.

People: By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

*Reading | John 1:1-4, 14, 16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

*Inscription | This inscription is made with chalk above the primary entrance:

20 † C M B † 24

The magi of old, known as

C Caspar,
M Melchior, and
B Balthasar,

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand
24 and twenty-four years ago.
† Christ, bless this house,
† and remain with us throughout the new year.

*Prayer of Blessing

Let us pray.

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this place of refuge and all who gather here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRADUAL HYMN | Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



1. Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
2. On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
3. Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
4. Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no
5. Guid - ed by the star, they found him whose praise the
6. And this star, as bright as day, that will nev - er



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly
ag - es sound. We too have a star to guide us,
lead a - stray with its mess - age so ap - peal - ing,



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her
which for - ev - er will pro - vide us with the light to
is the word of God, re - veal - ing Christ, the way, the



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.
find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.
truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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