

ST. ALFRED'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
The Epiphany
Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 5 p.m.

The Reverend Peter Lane, Celebrant
The Reverend Agostino Rivolta, Preacher

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Epiphany

Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 10 a.m.

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The Chiming of the Hour (*Prayerful silence is requested as our worship begins.*)

The Prelude

Noël Huron

Denis Bédard

The Word of God

Hymn 124

What Star is This, with Beams So Bright

Puer nobis

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom 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.*

Glory to God in the Highest S 280 *Gloria in excelsis*

Robert J. Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the following Collect.

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 First Lesson: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

Jerome Webster Meachen

(Sung by All to the chant printed below. Change pitch at the underlined word or syllable)



- 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 Epistle: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 128

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Three Kings of Orient

(All are invited to join in singing Stanzas 1 and 5 and the Refrain,
Stanzas 2-4 will be sung by soloists)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Priest 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Agostino Rivolta

(A moment for reflection.)

The Nicene Creed

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 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.

The Prayers of the People

The response following each intercession is:

Leader Arise, shine; for the light has come,

People and the glory of God has risen upon us.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
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.

The Priest, stands and says

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

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

French, arr. H. Willan

(The text of the Offertory anthem may be found at No. 114 in the Hymnal.)

(The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)

Hymn 115, Stanza 3

What Child is This

Greensleeves

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe the son of Mary.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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The Celebrant, faces them and says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, Heav'n 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 people stand or kneel.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 [St. Alfred 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.

Celebrant and People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People 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 Breaking of the Bread

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(The Choir sings the following after the Breaking of the Bread.)

Fraction Anthem *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* J.S. Bach

The Choir: Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,
 And usher in the morning;
 O Shepherds, greet that glorious sight,
 Our Lord a crib adorning.
 This child, this little helpless boy,
 Shall be our confidence and joy,
 The power of Satan breaking,
 Our peace eternal making.

Communion Anthem *In the Bleak Midwinter* Gustav Holst

The Postcommunion Prayer (*Said by All*) Page 365

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.

Prayer for the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

_____, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood. We, who are many, are one because we share one Bread, one Cup. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Hymn 119 *As with Gladness Men of Old* *Dix*

The Dismissal Page 366

The People respond Thanks be to God.

(If you must leave before the conclusion of the Postlude, please do so quietly as our broadcast is still in progress.)

Postlude *Epilogue on Dix* William Harris

Coffee Hour

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Reister Hall immediately following the service.
Reister Hall is located to your left as you exit the church building.

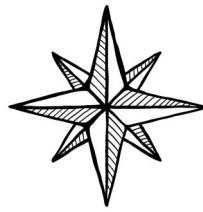
Prayer List

Please pray for

David
 Michele, Charlotte and John
 David and Lynne Aukamp
 Kristen B.
 Ellen Bond
 Beverly Butters
 Patrick Dean
 Dan Groothuis
 Alex and Diane Hugill
 Fran Lever

Diane Linindoll
 Bonnie Schumacher
 Mary Pat Sjostrom
 Wally and Joan Tyson
 Michael Wilkey
 Our nation
 All who serve our country at
 home and abroad
 Those affected by the Flu
 and COVID

Healthcare Workers
 Victims of violence
 Victims of hurricanes
 Helene, Milton and all
 natural disasters
 The people of The Middle
 East, Ukraine, Sudan,
 Haiti and all places torn by
 strife



Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 6	12 p.m., Daughters of the King
Tuesday, January 7	10 a.m., Communications Meeting (Library)
Wednesday, January 8	10 a.m., Book Club (Library) 4 p.m., Finance Meeting (Library)
Thursday - January 9	10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel) 12 p.m., The Holy Eucharist with Healing 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday, January 10	10 a.m., GriefShare (Library) 1:30 p.m., Caregiver Support Group (Library) 6:30 p.m., Faith in the Public Square (Library)
Saturday, January 11 1 Epiphany	5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I
Sunday, January 12 1 Epiphany	10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall) 12 p.m., Adult Formation (Library)

— *Announcements* —

Violin and Organ Concert, Sunday, January 5

On Sunday afternoon, January 5 at 4 p.m. there will be a concert program of music for Violin and Organ with Andrew Long, Violinist and Kevin Johnson, Organist. Andrew has shared his wonderful artistry and skill in playing the violin many times before at St. Alfred's. The centerpiece of this concert will be *Six Pieces for Violin and Organ* by Josef Rheinberger. The program will also include some selections appropriate to the Christmas season. Plan now to attend this afternoon of beautiful music.

Daughters of the King, Monday, January 6

The Daughters of the King will meet at 12 p.m on Monday, January 6.

St. Alfred's Book Club, Wednesday, January 8

St. Alfred's Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7 in the Library of the Parish Center.

Winner of the Silent Auction to be announced, January 11-12

On view in the Narthex is a framed, counted cross stitch of the Praying Hands completed by Barb Christian. It is being offered in a silent auction. The funds raised will be donated to the David R. Moores Center for Church Music and the Arts. Bids will be accepted until noon on Monday, January 6, 2025. The highest bidder will be announced at the services on the weekend of January 11-12.

Annual Reports Due

Annual reports of committees and commissions are now due for the booklet that will be published for the Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025. The reports should be in Word format and emailed to music@stalfreds.net, info@stalfreds.net, and to rector@stalfreds.net by Sunday, January 19. Thank you.

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