

CHRIST CHURCH

✠ A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta ✠

“Growing by God’s Grace as a Family of Faith, Fellowship, and Ministry”



Feast of the Epiphany January 06, 2019 | 11 AM

✠ Diocesan Purpose Statement ✠

*“We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus
as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually.”*

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church gladly welcomes all people. Our clergy, staff, and parishioners are delighted to assist you in learning more about our worship and our community. Restrooms are in the Parish House, located to the left of the church. Ushers are available to assist you as needed. If this is your first time visiting with us today, please complete a visitor card (*located in the pew*) and place it in the offering plate. We are delighted you are here, and we hope to see you again soon.

A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers beginning at 9am. Christian Formation for all ages begins at 10am. Materials are available in the Narthex for younger children. Children, through 5th grade, who complete the *Sunday Challenge* may hand in their sheet following the service to receive a reward.

Christ Church was founded in 1825, and was the first church established in Macon, Georgia. We are the Mother Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and are a member of the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you do not wish to partake, you are invited to receive a blessing by crossing your arms at the altar rail. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available if you have a wheat allergy.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Abby, Adrienne, Amanda, Angela, Anne, Beverly, Bill, Bobby, Brian, Candy, Caitlyn, Carrie, Cissy, Cole, Connie, Crawford, David, Debbie, Deitz, Edsel, Faye, Gail, George, Jason, Jayne, Jocelyn, Jim, Julie, Kathryn, Kelly, Laura, Malcolm, Marco, Margaret, Matthew, Martin, Mary Jane, Melanie, Michael, Munnerlyn, Pammy, Pete, Phil, Ricky, Rosa, Seabi, Shannon, Thomas, and William.

For those serving in the military especially, Allen, Austin, Brian, Caylee, Charlie, George, Jeffrey, John, Jon, Regis, Terry.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nell Popper and Col. Harry Popper.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Hymn in Procession: *What star is this, with beams so bright* Hymnal, 124

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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

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

Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

All: 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.

Song of Praise: *Glory to you* Hymnal, S 236

Salutation and 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.

People: Amen.

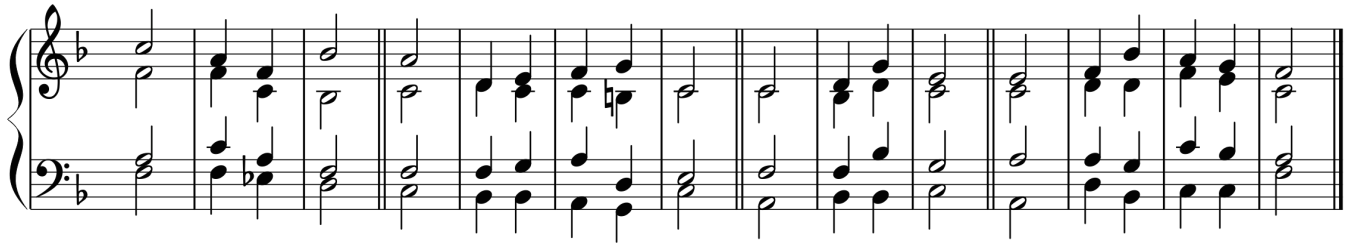
The First Lesson Isaiah 60:1–6

Lector: A reading from the Book of the prophet 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



- 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 pros/*perity*] [to the] /*people*, *
and the /*little* /*hills* bring /*righteousness*.
- 4 He shall defend the needy a/*mong* the /*people*; *
he shall rescue the /*poor* and /*crush* the] op/*pressor*.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and /*moon* en/*dure*, *
from one gene/*ration* /to an/*other*.
- 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* be/*fore* him, *
and all the /*nations* /*do* him /*service*.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries /*out* in] dis/*tress*, *
and the op/*pressed* who /*has* no /*helper*.
- 13 He shall have pity on the /*lowly*] and /*poor*; *
he shall pre/*serve* the /*lives* of] the /*needy*.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from op/*pression*] and /*violence*, *
and dear shall their /*blood* be /*in* his /*sight*.

Lector: A reading from the Letter 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: *We three Kings of Orient are*

Hymnal, 128

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

Gospeler: 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.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Steve Ayers

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: As the Wise Men of old followed the star:

People: Help us, O God, to follow the leading of your Spirit.

Intercessor: As they were led to the Savior:

People: Lead us and all who seek you, O God, to him who is the Way the Truth and the Life.

Intercessor: As they brought treasures to the King;

People: Empower us, O God, to bring his gifts of faith, hope, and love to the world.

Intercessor: As they fell down and worshiped the Child:

People: Inspire us, O God, to serve him every moment of our lives.

Intercessor: As Mary remembered and pondered in her heart the unfolding of the promises of God:

People: Enable us, O God, to hold fast to your promises given in your Word.

Intercessor: As the baby Jesus was protected from the wrath of Herod:

People: Keep us, O God, from doing anyone harm in thought, word, or deed.

Intercessor: As your Son shines forever as the Light of the world:

People: Shine forth in us, O God, that we may be lights of the world in our generation.

Intercessor: Holy Jesus come from God:

People: Fill us now and always with your light.

Intercessor: We pray for those on our parish prayer list, Abby, Adrienne, Amanda, Angela, Anne, Beverly, Bill, Bobby, Brian, Candy, Caitlyn, Carrie, Cissy, Cole, Connie, Crawford, David, Debbie, Deitz, Edsel, Faye, Gail, George, Jason, Jayne, Jocelyn, Jim, Julie, Kathryn, Kelly, Laura, Malcolm, Marco, Margaret, Matthew, Martin, Mary Jane, Melanie, Michael, Munnerlyn, Pammy, Pete, Phil, Ricky, Rosa, Seabi, Shannon, Thomas, and William. We also pray for

those serving in the military, especially Allen, Austin, Brian, Caylee, Charlie, George, Jeffrey, John, Jon, Regis, Terry.

Intercessor: Please add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant: O Christ, Savior and Lord of all, so fill the world with the light of your gospel that darkness would be overcome by light and your salvation may be known through all the earth. We praise and glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offertory: *O thou central orb*

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin; our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming clay, To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Hymn at the Presentation: *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Hymnal, 135

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal, S 125

Words of Institution

BCP, p. 362

Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei*

Poe (2018)

O Lamb of God that ta - kest a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that ta - kest a-way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that
ta - kest a-way the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Anthem during Communion: *Arise, shine, for thy light is come* Healey Willan (1880–1968)
Text: Isaiah 60

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession: *As with gladness men of old*

Hymnal, 119

The Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary: *Christum wir sollen loben schon, BWV 611*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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Dawn Key

Flower Guild

Barbara Domingos

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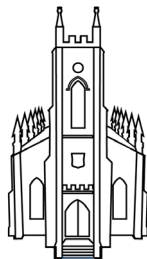
“The Adoration of the Magi” (1904)

Burne-Jones, Dearle, & Morris

In 1886 the rector of Exeter College, Oxford, commissioned William Morris (1834–1896), the soul of the Arts & Crafts movement, to make a tapestry for the college chapel. The subject proposed – an Adoration of the Magi – was immediately approved by William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones (1833–1898). Two years later, the painter, who had been working with Morris & Company for almost ten years, particularly in the area of stained glass, delivered the preliminary sketch of the tapestry, today kept in the Victoria & Albert Museum in London. In truth, he only designed the figures, the greenery and architecture having been entrusted to his colleague John Henry Dearle (1860–1932).

This composition was the first that Burne-Jones had designed specifically for a tapestry. Previously, pieces woven from his designs by the weavers in the workshops set up by Morris in 1881 at Merton Abbey were adapted from preliminary sketches for stained glass. Completed in 1890, *The Adoration of the Magi* delighted Morris, who had a great admiration for this beautiful craft, and a fascination for the world of medieval guilds. He then declared: "Nothing better of the kind [...] has ever been done, old or new".

This enthusiasm was shared by critics and art lovers alike. In fact, nine versions were commissioned between 1890 and 1907. This one was produced in 1904 at the request of the banker Guillaume Mallet when he refurbished his house, the *Bois des Moutiers*, in *Varengeville-sur-mer* (Seine-Maritime), a house built by the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens.



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