

The Three Wise Men, JESUS MAFA, 1973

THE EPIPHANY

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You Are Welcome

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

Our Vision

We seek to become a community that mirrors the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus. We do that in five important ways: We praise God, invite all, connect lives, nurture faith, and serve neighbor.

Let's Get Connected

Fill out one of these cards, which you can find in the backs of the chairs and drop it in the offering basket or give it to a member of the clergy.

OR

Stop by the Welcome Table, which is near the west entrance to the church.

AND

Check-in and follow SPR on social media: [facebook.com/sprchicago](https://www.facebook.com/sprchicago) and [@sprchicago](https://twitter.com/sprchicago)



Children's Formation

**Intergenerational Formation today in Parish Hall.
Children's Formation will resume on Jan 13**

Godly Play (3 years old - 4th grade)

The basis for Godly Play is that children are spiritual and have an incredible capacity to listen, wonder, and make meaning together out of the biblical stories they hear.

Pathfinders (5th graders)

Some Helpful Things to Know Today

Can I receive Communion?

Yes. Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive Communion.

When am I supposed to stand?

At any point in the service, it's perfectly fine for you to remain seated as you're comfortable. We do have customary times when we stand or kneel; these are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. There are also times when it is customary to cross ourselves, and if you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Are children welcome here?

Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Also, coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The Nursery is down the southwest stairs. And finally, changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the Nursery.

Where are the restrooms?

There are single-user, gender-neutral restrooms down the southwest stairs and also through the northeast door of the sanctuary.

How do I find my way around?

There's a map at the Welcome Table near the west entrance to the church. Also feel free to ask anyone to help you around.

Is there wheelchair accessibility?

Yes. An accessible restroom is through the northeast door of the sanctuary. There is an elevator which gives access to the First floor, Lower level and Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to remain seated at any point during the service as they need.

How about hearing assistance?

We can help there, too. Hearing-assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Youth Formation

**Intergenerational Formation today in Parish Hall.
Youth Formation will resume on Jan 13**

Stay tuned for info on the following small groups throughout the year:

- **High School Small Group** | (Open to all high school youth, grades 9-12; advanced sign-up required)
- **SPR Youth Girls Group** | (Open to all young woman-identified young people, grades 6-12; RSVP to events required.)
January | BOOK CLUB! We're reading Jane Austen's classic *Sense and Sensibility* together and then discussing femininity afterward. Want to join in? Read the book sometime between now and when the Christmas holidays are over. We'll meet in January to discuss! (Date TBD.)

Looking for a room? Find a map on the Welcome Table at the south entrance of the church.

THE WORD OF GOD

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is to say all **bolded** text aloud.

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing.

1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth-lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:
2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing; in - cense doth their God dis - close,
5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,

1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.
5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

The Hymnal 1982 #127 "Earth has many a noble city"

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.

Music: *Stuttgart*, 87. 87, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. K. D. Smith (b. 1928), Copyright © by permission of K. D. Smith. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

@ 11:15 only. All Sing.

1. A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned up-on you. 2. For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom en-shrouds the peo-ples. 3. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will ap-pear up-on you. 4. Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the bright-ness of your dawn-ing. 5. Your gates will always be o-pen; by day or night they will nev-er be shut. 6. They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Is-ra-el. 7. Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction with-in your bor-ders. 8. You will call your walls, Sal-va-tion, and all your por-tals, Praise. 9. The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the bright-ness of the moon. 10. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glo-ry. *(Gloria Patri may be omitted)* 11. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit: 12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.

Words: Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah: *Surge, illuminare*

Music: Plainsong, Tone 5, adapt. The Standing Commission on Church Music, 1979, alt.; acc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921) and SCCM 1979, alt.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir introduces the Refrain, which all repeat. The verses are sung by members of the choir. All sing the Refrain where indicated.

Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth_ will a - dore_ you, ev - 'ry
na - tion on earth_ will a - dore_ you.

Psalm 72

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice, and you're poor in right judgment. **Refrain**

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. **Refrain**

The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **Refrain**

For he shall save the needy when they cry, the poor, and those who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. **Refrain**

Words: Psalm 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13, 20, *The Revised Grail Psalms*; Refrain, *Lectionary for Mass*

Music: Rawn Harbor

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A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and all sing.

3. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored;
4. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Je - sus, the light of the world. Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Je - sus, the light of the world. We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.

Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine right. Oh,

shine all a - round us by day and by night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

"Jesus, the light of the world" (stanzas 3 & 4 only)

Words: George D. Elderkin; verses by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *We'll Walk in the Light*, 7 7 7 7 with Refrain, George D. Elderkin; arr. Evelyn Simpson-Currenton (b. 1953)

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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: Rev'd KJ Oh, *Assistant Priest*

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to their own liturgy in the Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

We ask that parents take crying infants to the Narthex or Nursery. We ask that parents take crying infants to the Narthex or Nursery.

Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

Please stand as able.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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.**

The Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray especially for **Anne** Guidroz (sister of George Chlipala), **Lori** Miloch (cousin of Bob Bator), **Jimmye** Olivey (mother of Harold Olivey), **Sarojini** Vundi (mother of Padma Vundi), **Rock** Sehr, **William** Starnes (father of Pam Anderson), **Anna** Lang (godmother of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Jewel** Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), **Leatrice** Mowatt, **Jerry** DeMuth, **Dot** Baker, **Rosemary** Gooden, **Stacey** Gray (niece of Ron & Leslie Gatton), **Patsy** Steimer (friend of Carolyn Pereira), **Sue** Fenn, **Katherine** Beetle Broadway (friends and family of Tongards), **Lee** Allen and **Rebecca** (friends of Jane Stuart), **Bronwen** O'Wril (sister of Persis Berlekamp), **Chris** Wiley (cousin of Camille Long), **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), and **George & Olive** Whitley. For all of them we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, including **Genevieve** Schumacher (1/6/1972, mother of Dorothy Schumacher); **Victor** Heyman (1/6/2009, father of Steve Heyman); **Richard** Underwood (1/7/2012, brother of Hank Underwood); and **Mary** Underwood (1/8/2003, mother of Hank Underwood). May they with all the saints, have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who are rejoicing in the blessings of life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays, including **Van** Myers (1/6), **Cio** Salinas (1/6), **Caleb** Scott (1/6), **Elvis** Wolcott (1/6), **Connor** Lane (1/7), **Edwin** Wilson II (1/7), **Hank** Underwood (1/8), **Jack** Seymour (1/9), **Anna** Braucher (1/11), and **Sarah** Lincoln (1/12). We also pray for those celebrating anniversaries. For blessings on all we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever

Amen.

From The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p.391

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All bow or kneel as able

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another and return to their seats.

Some announcements will be given, but there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand as able and all sing.



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had
 2 (With - in a lodge of) bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was
 3 (The ear - liest moon of) win - ter - time is not so round and
 4 (O chil - dren of the) for - est free, the an - gel song is



fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent
 found, a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en -
 fair as was the ring of glo - ry on the
 true; the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is



an - gel - choirs in - stead; be - fore their light the
 wrapped his beau - ty round; but as the hunt - er
 help - less in - fant there. The chiefs from far be -
 born to - day for you. Come kneel be - fore the



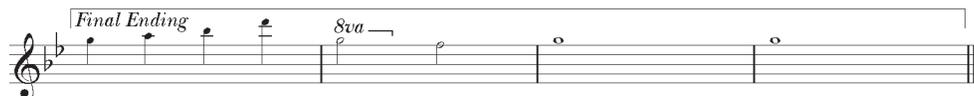
stars grew dim, and won - dering hunt - ers heard the hymn:
 braves drew nigh, the an - gel - song rang loud and high:
 fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver - pelt.
 ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus your King is born, Je - sus is



born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.
 2 With - in a lodge of
 3 The ear - liest moon of
 4 O chil - dren of the



The Hymnal 1982 #114 "Twas in the moon of wintertime"

Words: Jesse Edgar Middleton (1872-1960), alt. Copyright © J.E. Middleton, used by permission of The Frederick Harris Music Co., Limited.

Music: *Une jeune pucelle*, 86. 86. 88 with Refrain, French folk melody, 16th cent.; Copyright © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, used by permission of Augsburg Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used with permission. harm. Frederick Jackisch (b. 1922); alternate accompaniment harm. Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as able as the offering is brought to the Altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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:

All sing.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. There are some fermatas and dynamic markings like '2' in the piano part.

Music: from *Unity Mass*, Norah Duncan, IV
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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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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.

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. **AMEN.**

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), Eucharist Prayer B

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

All sing.

1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
2 Wor-ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

The Hymnal 1982 #79 "Love came down at Christmas"

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt.. Music: *Gartan*, 67: 67, melody from *Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II*, 1902; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)
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The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive Communion. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the priest. If you would like a blessing in place of Communion, cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, tell an usher.

The ushers will help each section up to the altar. But don't worry; all will be fed.

Healing Prayer

If you would like to be prayed for individually, you are invited to the area in front of the columbarium (SE corner of the sanctuary) after you have received communion, where a prayer team member will pray with you briefly before you return to your seat.

Music during Communion

All sing.

The melody is in the tenor (arrows indicate tenor notes with stems up).

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
*5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Refrain

Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

The Hymnal 1982 #118 "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"
 Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.
 Music: *Star in the East*, 11 10. 11 10 with Refrain, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

All sing.

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav - en - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav - en - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

The Hymnal 1982: #119 "As with gladness men of old"

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: *Dix*, 77. 77. 77, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Sending Forth

Let us pray.

Please stand as able.

**Eternal God,
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 Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All Sing.



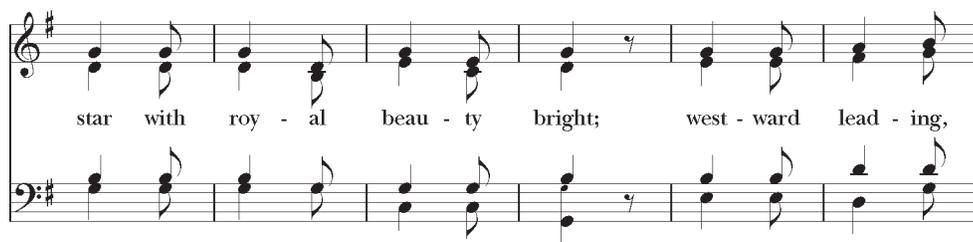
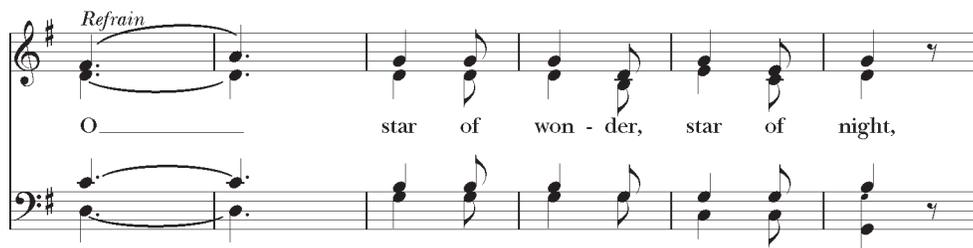
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



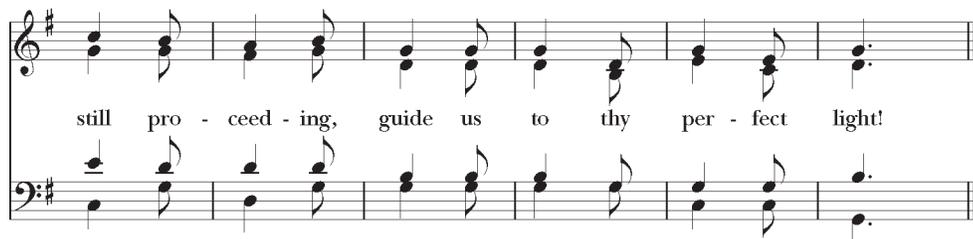
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Hymnal 1982 #128 "We three kings of Orient"

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.

Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, 88. 446 with Refrain, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

COMING UP

SPR Staff News

Cynthia Bagrowski has joined the SPR staff as the Interim Director of Children's Formation, after having served as a Godly Play teacher for several years. We are excited and pleased to welcome her to the staff. Thank you to Romonda McKinney Bumpus and Melvin Parks for serving as search committee members for this position.

The Wardens, Vestry, Transition committee, staff and Interim Rector are working for a smooth and welcoming transition for SPR's new rector, the Rev. Catherine Healy. Interim Rector Julianne Buenting will serve until Friday, February 15, 2019 and is communicating with Rev. Catherine Healy about the transition.

Anti-Racism Training at SPR, Sat, Jan 12 Deadline to sign up: TODAY!

We've rescheduled! Facilitated by the Antiracism Commission of the Diocese of Chicago, in partnership with Chicago ROAR, this workshop will explore the idea that racism is a systemic, institutional problem of power and creates the rationale for a structural intervention to dismantle it. By participating you will learn strategic methods for engaging in productive conversations about race and dismantling systemic racism in your institution. The workshop will take place on Saturday, Jan.12 from 8:30-4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Food and childcare will be provided. The Youth Group will be attending this training as a group; if you are a member of the youth group and plan to attend, please RSVP here as well! Sign up online at sprchicago.org/arwg or in the Narthex. Contact antiracism@sprchicago.org for more information.

Cross-Cultural Training at Syrian Community Network | Jan 12

The Syrian Community Network is the nonprofit agency SPR will again be working with to support a refugee family in Chicago. The visits will begin on the first Saturday in February and end on the last Saturday in July. The special training will be quite useful for SPR members who will be mentoring the refugee family in their north side apartment from February through July 2019. The Syrian Community Network and Exodus World Service are presenting a Cross-Cultural Training for Adults on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9am-12:30pm to help prepare volunteers to engage with the refugee community. The training offers in-depth learning and activities to broaden a volunteer's understanding of who refugees are and how they get to the United States, as well as what help they receive when they arrive. Learn about the culture(s) of many refugees who are arriving and how to navigate cross-cultural communication and friendship. Attend a training to learn how you can get involved. Suggested donation of \$25 to cover the cost of Volunteer Handbook. The training will be held at Syrian Community Network, 5439 N Broadway Chicago, IL 60640. To sign up, contact Bob or Sheila Bator (rbator@aol.com or sbator@aol.com).

Welcoming the Stranger: Refugee Support

In partnership with the Syrian Community Network, in 2019 our parish will be providing mentorship and support to another refugee family. On January 12 we will meet the new family. On January 13, signup sheets will be available in the narthex for the Saturday visits. They will begin February 2 and end on the last Saturday in July. Teams of two or three are needed for the two-hour visits which can be from 10 to 12 or 2 to 4. Families of any size are also welcome to sign up. Questions? Write to Bob and Sheila Bator at rbator@aol.com or sbator@aol.com.

Our New Rector Begins March 1, 2019

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy has accepted our call to become the 7th, and first female, rector of St. Paul & the Redeemer. Catherine is currently serving as Assistant Rector for Youth and Family at St. Andrew's Church in Wellesley, MA. She is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and a recent Canterbury Scholar. Her prior experience in ministry spans 10 years and is broad and rich. She is grounded in tradition, thoughtful in her preaching, possesses a deep spirituality, and has a passion for social justice. A Chicago native, Catherine shares her life with her wife Heather and their newborn, Mary Clare. She will make a special appearance at our annual meeting, January 27th, with a start date of March 1, 2019. Please read the letters from the Wardens and Catherine on our website sprchicago.org/rector-transition/updates/.

Letter Writing | Today 12:15 pm

SPR has a new ministry around Letter Writing. We will meet once a month to write letters of resistance (i.e. to our elected and/or church officials) and letters of encouragement (i.e. to people who are incarcerated or detained in prisons and detention centers across the country). Each month will have a different justice theme. Sign up with Addie Domske (domske@sprchicago.org) to get on our scheduling list; you can come and go as you like, all are invited!

Meetings in Byllesby Room: **January 6** - Theme: *Mass Incarceration* | 12:15-1:15p; **February 3** - Theme: *Women's Rights* | 12:15-1:15p

Martin Luther King, Jr. Faith in Action Assembly & Mayoral Candidate Forum Jan 21, 8am-12pm, Liberty Baptist Church

Please join the SPR Anti-Racism Working Group in celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. We are organizing an SPR group to attend the Community Renewal Society's (CRS) Faith in Action Assembly, which will include worship, a performance, and a Chicago mayoral candidate forum focusing on CRS's Platform for Renewal (www.communityrenewalsociety.org). The event will take place on **Monday, January 21 from 8 to noon at Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago, 4849 S King Drive**. Childcare will be provided during the assembly for ages three and up. Please sign up in the Narthex or email antiracism@sprchicago.org, and indicate if you need a ride and/or childcare.

Theater Outing

Last year, a group of SPR parishioners went to the Victory Gardens Theater to see *Lettie*, a play about a woman who has just been released from prison who has to deal with issues such as reuniting with her family. In 2019 Victory Gardens is presenting another socially conscious play: *Pipeline*. This play by Dominique Morisseau deals with black men of high school age being shunted to prison for minor offenses. The show, which runs 90 minutes with no intermission, will be followed by a post-show discussion of the issues dealt with in the play. Group rate discount tickets are available to SPR members for the final performance of the play on March 3 at 3pm. Interested? Want to reserve tickets? (Exact price of the tickets depend on the number of persons who sign up as well as the seating level you prefer.) Please contact Bob or Sheila Bator (rbator@aol.com or sbator@aol.com).

SPR Groups and Programs

Please consider joining one of these groups or programs. New participants are always welcome.

Thursday Bible Study- Every Thursday, 10-11am in the Byllesby Room. Contact John Crenson: jmcrenso@sbcglobal.net

Fiber Arts- Every Second Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Rebecca Luttrell: southsideknitter@gmail.com

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Joshua Daniel

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Cynthia Bagrowski, Gretchen Eng

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Maureen Jesuthasan, Gail Williams, Allison Clark, Barnabas Pusnur

Healing Prayer Leaders

Joshua Daniel

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Micah Prochaska, Vincent Johnson

Vestry Greeter

Kate Baldwin

Altar Guild

Linen Washer

Janet Underwood

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Psalms 29

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