

*The Three Wise Men, JESUS MAFA, 1973*

# **THE EPIPHANY**

**January 5, 2020 | 9:15 & 11:15 AM**

# You Are Welcome

## A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

### What Kind of Church Is This?

St. Paul & the Redeemer is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice. SPR honors both faith and doubt, bringing together our highest hopes and our deepest fears.

### SPR Anti-Racism Vision Statement

To mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus and be true to our baptismal covenant, we strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

## 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

**Nursery, 9:00a-12:30p** | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

**Children's Chapel, 9:30a-9:45a** | During the sermon at the 9:15 service, children from **preschool to second grade** are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

**Godly Play 10:20a-11:05a** | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play **today, Sunday, January 5, at 10:20am**. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn more about volunteering with Godly Play, contact director of children's formation Cynthia Bagrowski ([bagrowski@sprchicago.org](mailto:bagrowski@sprchicago.org)).

## 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.

### Where are the restrooms?

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

### 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 needed.

### How about hearing assistance?

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

## SPR Choirs

**Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, January 9.** All experience levels and newcomers welcome.

**St. Nicholas Choir (Kindergarten-2nd grade):** Thursday rehearsal 6-6:30pm. Contact: Gretchen Eng ([eng@sprchicago.org](mailto:eng@sprchicago.org)).

**SPR Choristers (3rd Grade and above):** Thursday rehearsal 6-7:30pm. Contact: Christian Clough ([clough@sprchicago.org](mailto:clough@sprchicago.org)).

**Teen & Adult Choirs:** Thursday rehearsal 7-8:40pm. Contact Christian Clough ([clough@sprchicago.org](mailto:clough@sprchicago.org)).

## Youth Formation

**Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20a-11:05a** | Join us **today, Sunday, January 5**, for youth formation. We gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion. We've pondered questions like "Is God male?"; "Did God write the Bible?"; and "What is the real meaning of Christmas?"

**Youth Group, Sundays, 4:30-7p** | Youth are invited to youth group **today, Sunday, January 5 from 4:30-7p**. Youth Group is a weekly fellowship gathering (including dinner) on Sundays. Check out our info board outside of the youth room, subscribe to the SPR parish's weekly email blast, or follow us at [@SPRYouth](https://twitter.com/SPRYouth) for more info.

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# THE WORD OF GOD

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

## Prelude

Chorale Fantasia on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" ("How brightly shines the Morningstar"), part 1, BuxWV 223

Music: Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## Entrance Hymn

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

Be - hold that star! Be - hold that star up yon - der! Be - hold that star! It is the star of  
Beth - le - hem. — 1. There was no room found in the Inn, It is the star of Beth - le - hem.  
2. The wise men came on from the East, It is the star of Beth - le - hem.  
3. A song broke forth up - on the night, 1.2. 3.  
1. For Him who was born free from sin,  
2. To wor - ship Him the Prince of Peace, It is the star of Beth - le - hem. Beth - le - hem.  
3. From an - gel hosts all robed in white,  
Glo - ry to God world with - out end, It is the star of Beth - le - hem. And peace on earth, good  
will toward men, It is the star of Beth - le - hem. Be - hold that star! - Be - hold that  
star up yon - der Be - hold that star! It is the star of Beth - le - hem. Be hold that star!  
Be - hold that star up yon - der! Be - hold that star! It is the star of Beth - le - hem. \_\_\_

"Behold that star"

Words & Melody: Thomas Washington Talley (1870-1952), arranged by Harry T. Burleigh (1888-1949)

## Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living God.  
**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## 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*

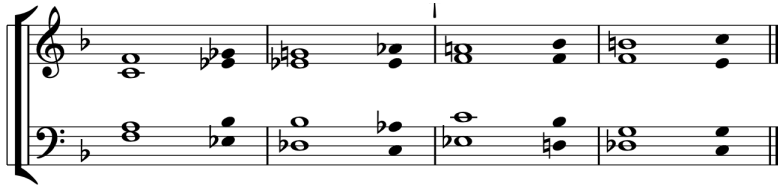
Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of 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.**

@11:15 only. All sing.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come"



Arise, shine, for your / **light has come**,  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned up/on you.  
For behold, darkness / **covers the land**;  
deep gloom enshrouds the / **peoples.**      *Refrain*

But over you the / **Lord shall rise**,  
and his glory will appear up/on you.  
Nations will stream to your / **light**,  
and kings to the brightness of your / **dawning.** *Refrain*

Your gates will always be / **open**;  
by day or night they will / **never be shut**.  
They will call you, The / **City of the Lord**,  
The Zion of the Holy One of / **Israel.**      *Refrain*

Violence will no more be / **heard in your land**,  
ruin or destruction within your / **borders**.  
Your will call your walls, Sal/**vation**,  
and all your portals, / **Praise**,  
† The sun will no more be your / **light by day**;  
by night you will not need the / **brightness of the moon.**      *Refrain*

Words: Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah: *Surge, illuminare*  
Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles and Chants*  
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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.\_\_\_\_\_

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 sing.

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,  
2. Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,

*Je - sus, the light of the world.* glo - ry to the new - born King! —  
join the tri - umph of the skies; —

*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 <sup>3</sup> bright. Oh, <sup>3</sup>

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

"Jesus, the light of the world" (stanzas 1 & 2 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 John.

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.**

## Children's Chapel *(@ 9:15 only)*

*Children in preschool to second grade are invited to their own liturgy in the chapel. They will return at the peace.*

*Please be seated.*

## The Sermon

Today's Preacher: Christian Clough, *Director of Music*

## Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

*All 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

Almighty God, our strength and our spring in desolate valleys, we thank you for bringing us safely through the past year. We ask that you guide and bless us in this new year withholding no good thing from your people.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Israel, we ask that you defend our Jewish siblings from the rising tide of antisemitic violence the world over. Help your Christian children to walk in integrity and respond faithfully to the call to confront bigotry and hatred in every form.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, give your Church grace and glory. May her bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people always find resplendent joy in your courts and radiate that same joy into the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Just One, refine the hearts of our temporal leaders so that they may govern in wisdom and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those suffering in body, mind, or spirit, and for those experiencing troubles or losses. Continue to support and comfort them, Lord, especially **Anna** Braucher, **Mary** Johnson (friend of Mary Naftzger), **Willie** C. Spraggins (aunt of Jo Ann Roberts), **Sally** Wolcott and her family, **Eli** Taylor (brother-in-law of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Rock** Sehr, **William** Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), **Cheryl** Vanorsby, A. **Henry** Randall, Jr. (grandfather of Evan Randall), **Sophie** Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), **Naomi** Haynes, **George** Whitley, **Sean** Knight (son of Shirley Knight), **Tim** Sehr, **William** Starnes (father of Pam Anderson), **Jewel** Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), **Leatrice** Mowatt, **Katherine** Beetle Broadway (family of Tonsgards), **Bronwen** O'Wrill (sister of Persis Berlekamp), **Chris** Wiley (cousin of Camille Long), and **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer).

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We celebrate and offer thanksgiving for the lives of our ancestors and all of our beloved dead. We ask that you hold them safe in your eternal care, especially **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).

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We humbly ask that you bless **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), **Nico** Par Vicente (1/10), **Anna** Braucher (1/11), and **Griffin** Downey (1/11), who are celebrating birthdays this week.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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.**

Prayers written by Twila Jones.  
Requests for prayers can be sent to Barnabas Pusnur at [pusnur@sprchicago.org](mailto:pusnur@sprchicago.org).

## 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

All sing.



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

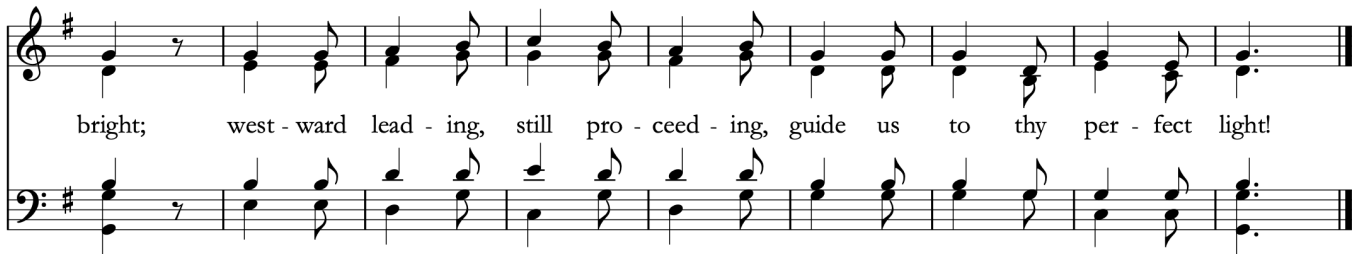


field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
King for ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
heaven sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*



O — star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty



bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

*The Hymnal 1982 #128 "We three kings of Orient are"*

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

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them 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, 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:

*All sing.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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. Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 the high - est,  
 Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Hymnal 1982 #S-125*  
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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, Eucharistic Prayer B.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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. 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 (in the southeast 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.*

All sing.

1. Who are these eas - tern stran - gers? Why have they come so far? \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Why do they stop in our yard? What can they hope to see? \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. See how the ba - by's smi - ling— reach ing to hold the myrrh! \_\_\_\_\_

Why do they gaze in - tent - ly— eyes on a gol - den star? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why do they come with pres - ents— bend - ing so rev - 'rent - ly? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why is his moth - er si - lent— what can it mean to her? \_\_\_\_\_

Hush now, hush now, let us quiet - ly fol - low;  
 Look now, look now, they must be mis - ta - ken!  
 Come now, come now, strange the things that hap - pen!

hush now, hush now, see which way they go. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Look now, look now, cost - ly gifts they bring! \_\_\_\_\_  
 Come now, come now, who can tell us why? \_\_\_\_\_

My Heart Sings Out #72 "Who are these eastern strangers"

Words: Cecily Taylor (b. 1930)

Music: Eastern Strangers, Mike Daymond

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All sing. The melody is in the tenor (middle) part, as noted in the music.


Soprano


1. Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing, dawn on our dark-ness, and lend us thine aid;  
 2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew-drops are shin - ing, low lies his head with thebeasts of the stall;  
 3. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
 4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion, vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,  
 5. Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing, dawn on our dark-ness, and lend us thine aid;


MELODY  
Tenor


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Bass

S.  star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn-ing, guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing, Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
 gems of the mountain, and pearls of the o - cean, myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
 rich - er by far is the heart's a - do - ra - tion, dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing, guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

MELODY  
T.  star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn-ing, guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
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B. 

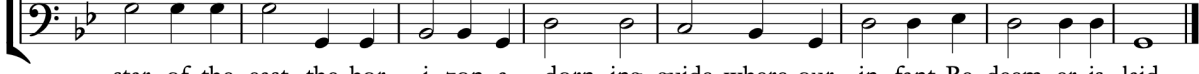
**Refrain**  
 S.  Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

**Refrain**  
 MELODY  
T.  Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

**Refrain**  
 B.  Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

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MELODY  
T.  star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn-ing, guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

B.  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

# Sending Forth

Please stand.

Let us pray.

**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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Book of Occasional Services, Epiphany blessing, p. 24.*

All sing.

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
4 and there it did both stop and stay  
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence



1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*The Hymnal 1982 #109 "The first Nowell, the angel did say"*

Words: English Carol, 18th cent.

Music: *The First Nowell*, Irr. with Refrain, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Chorale Fantasia on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" ("How brightly shines the Morningstar"), conclusion, *BuxWV 223*

Music: Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



# COMING UP

## Adult Formation: Faith & Justice--Responding to Climate Change

**Today, Sunday, January 5, at 10:20am**, join SPR member Jennifer Jeck, a staff member at the conservation organization Openlands, to learn about the connection between climate change and justice issues and how faith communities can respond.

## Global Creche Exhibit

A special display of nativity scenes from a dozen countries is on exhibit in the Byllesby Room until **Monday, January 6**. Please visit this exhibit to learn about the global traditions around Christmas.

## Partnership with Community Renewal Society

The SPR Vestry and Anti-Racism Working Group are excited to announce our new partnership with the Community Renewal Society (CRS). CRS is a 136-year-old faith-based organization that works to address social justice issues at the intersection of race and poverty at local and state levels. CRS will work with our congregation to create a team of parishioners who are interested in doing action-oriented justice work, in order to complement, strengthen, and focus the energy of our current ministries.

Please look forward to a formation on **Sunday, January 12 at 10:20am** to learn more about CRS and what this partnership means for SPR. Please email [antiracism@sprchicago.org](mailto:antiracism@sprchicago.org) if you have any questions.

## Harlan-Ferlos Returning in May

Anne Harlan and the Rev. Dr. Roger Ferlo are headed to New Haven, CT, where Roger has accepted a semester-long assignment as acting associate dean of Berkeley Divinity School (the Episcopal Seminary at Yale). Anne and Roger will say a temporary farewell to SPR in January and return to Chicago in late May. Please share your best wishes for safe travels with them. To learn more, visit [berkeleydivinity.yale.edu/news/berkeley-welcomes-rev-dr-roger-ferlo-spring-semester](http://berkeleydivinity.yale.edu/news/berkeley-welcomes-rev-dr-roger-ferlo-spring-semester).

## Memorial Service for Scott Lee

A memorial service for Scott Strickland Lee, late partner of SPR member Jane McCamant, will take place at St. Paul & the Redeemer on **Saturday, January 11, at 4:00pm**. Jane would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of the church to attend the service, whether you knew Scott or not. She hopes that this service can be an opportunity for all of us to remember our own beloved dead and hear again the Gospel message that death is not the final word.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Faith in Action Assembly

Please join the SPR Anti-Racism Working Group in celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. We are organizing a group to attend the Community Renewal Society's Faith in Action Assembly, which will include worship and a panel discussion with youth from across the Chicagoland area. The event will take place on **Monday, January 20 from 8am to noon** at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 2151 W. Washington Boulevard. Childcare will be provided during the assembly for ages three and up. Please sign up in the narthex or by emailing [antiracism@sprchicago.org](mailto:antiracism@sprchicago.org), and indicate if you need a ride and/or childcare.

## Faith & Justice: Adult Formation Series

How does our faith challenge us to work for justice? Join us to explore this question from many angles in our winter adult formation series.

**January 5:** Responding to Climate Change

**January 12:** Community Development with the Community Renewal Society

**January 19:** The Legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**January 26:** No adult formation (annual meeting, with worship at 8 & 10 AM)

## SPR Groups and Programs

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

**Bible Study:** Every Thursday, 10-11am in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Kerstin Wellbery ([kara.kerstin@gmail.com](mailto:kara.kerstin@gmail.com)).

**Open Kitchen:** The Sunday before the third Monday of each month, 12:30pm in the Kitchen. Contact: Fran Spaltro ([pambasilea@gmail.com](mailto:pambasilea@gmail.com)).

**Fiber Arts:** Every second Sunday of the month at 12:30pm in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Rebecca Luttrell ([southsideknitter@gmail.com](mailto:southsideknitter@gmail.com)).

**Arts Committee:** Every second Sunday of the month, 12:30pm in the Chapel. Contact: Jim Wright ([jimphotoguy1@gmail.com](mailto:jimphotoguy1@gmail.com)).

**20s & 30s Group:** Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Julia McMillan ([mcmillan013@gmail.com](mailto:mcmillan013@gmail.com)).

**50s & Better Group:** Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Sheila Bator ([sbator@aol.com](mailto:sbator@aol.com)).

**SPR Choirs:** All experience levels and newcomers welcome.

**St. Nicholas Choir (Kindergarten-2nd grade):** Thursday Rehearsal 6-6:30pm. Contact: Gretchen Eng ([eng@sprchicago.org](mailto:eng@sprchicago.org)).

**SPR Choristers (3rd Grade and above):** Thursday rehearsal 6-7:30pm. Contact: Christian Clough ([clough@sprchicago.org](mailto:clough@sprchicago.org)).

**Teen & Adult Choirs:** Thursday rehearsal 7-8:40pm. Contact Christian Clough ([clough@sprchicago.org](mailto:clough@sprchicago.org)).

# Today's Ministers

## Presider

Catherine Healy

## Preacher

Christian Clough

## Music Leader

Christian Clough

## Acolytes

9:15: Michael Stewart, Peter Stewart, Andrew Rostan

## Subdeacon

11:15: Mel Parks

## Lectors

9:15: Martin Nutley, Julia Rademacher-Wedd

11:15: Mike Agina, Nicholas Bellomy

## Prayer Reader

9:15: Maureen Jesuthasan

11:15: Twila Jones

## Children's Chapel Leaders

Cynthia Bagrowski, Gretchen Eng

## Chalice Ministers

9:15: Allison Clark, Esther Foiles, John Omoworare, John Adewoye

11:15: Tamara Laville, Caroline Oldstone-Jackson, Tayo Adegoke, William Jackson

## Healing Prayer Leaders

9:15: Padma Vundi, Fran Spaltro

11:15: Toni Daniels, Vinita Wright

## Ushers

9:15: Greg Palmer, Vincent Johnson

11:15: Wanda Austin-Wingood, Mike Agina

## Vestry Greeter

9:15: Kate Baldwin

11:15:

## Altar Guild

9:15:

11:15: Pamela Anderson

## Linen Washer

9:15: Jack Seymour

## Communion Bread Baker

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