

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

January 6, 2019

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The Song of Mary

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee
(b. 1952)

INTROIT

Everett Titcomb
(1884-1968)

We have seen his star in the east,
and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: **For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;**

Minister: 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.

***HYMN 56**

The First Nowell

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Glory be to you, O Lord our God, whose will and love have been made known to mighty kings and simple shepherds in the face of Jesus Christ. We come before you not as wise, but as seeking; not as children of the light, but as children who walk in darkness. Forgive the lives we have wasted, the days lost to insignificance, the hours left to chance. Grant us the wisdom to glory only in you: in your judgment that condemns our foolishness, in your love that overcomes our indifference, in your truth that overshadows our certainty. And in all the plodding times and seasons ahead, be to us light enough, that we will dare the morrow for the sake of him who was born to save us, even Jesus Christ.

KYRIE ELEISON

James MacMillan
(b. 1959)

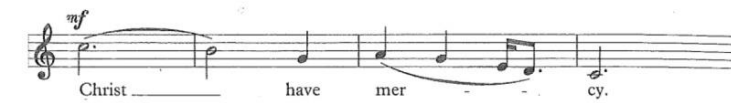
Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Christ, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Kyrie eleison.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

***GLORIA PATRI**

REGENT SQUARE
(Hymn 417)

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory,
While unending ages run.

***THE PEACE**

Minister: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ’s peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, from the darkness within us we call upon your name and cry your mercy and beseech you for a clear word and a light upon our way. Through your word read and proclaimed, open to us a path leading toward your kingdom where we may dwell forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 193)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 2)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

HYMN (seated)

During the organ introduction, children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way,
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

TALLIS’ CANON

SERMON

“By Another Road”

Brian Russo

***HYMN 66**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius
(1824-1874)

Solo

Three kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary’s child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.

Chorale

How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob’s stem and David’s line,
for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
my soul with love o’erfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,
rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o’erflowing.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

SANCTUS

MacMillan

ALL VOICES *mp*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might.

mf Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - - ry. *f* Ho - san - na

mf in the high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the

ff name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION OBOE SOLO

No Small Wonder

Paul Edwards
(b. 1955)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 474

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*Your offerings to the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry Food Cupboard
will be received during the singing of this hymn.*

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Richard Purvis
(1913-1994)

*Congregation standing

LEADING WORSHIP: Cynthia A. Jarvis, Brian D. Russo and Austin Crenshaw Shelley **MUSIC:** Gallery Choir, Daniel Spratlan, Conductor; Ken Lovett, Organist and Sophie Oehlers, oboist.

GREETERS: Elders: Anne Standley and Beth Nell Vaccaro; Deacons: Courtney and Trish Franklin

USHERS: William Cobb, Team #3 Leader; Robert Bausman, Peter Cooke, Troy Foxworth, B. Graeme Frazier and Douglas Olson

FLOWER GUILD:

COMMUNION SERVERS: Melissa Montgomery and Anne Standley

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our Dad
by Emily, Chris and Rob Nation.*