

The Feast of the Epiphany

~ Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 January 4, 2026 at 10 a.m. ~

Opening Hymn: #90 "It came upon a midnight clear"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.

Gloria: #96 "Angels we have heard on high" (vs. 1 & 3)

1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through
the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the
newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Collect of the Day: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they

come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, ***
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously ***
 and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, ***
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; ***
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, ***
 from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, ***
 like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; ***
 there shall be abundance of peace
 till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, ***
 and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, *

and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,*

and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives

from oppression and violence, *

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so

that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn: #107 “Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord ***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski

Prayers of the People

Presider: As we join the angels and celebrate with joy the birth of the Son of God, let us offer prayers to God who gives new birth to sons and daughters in every place.

Leader: By the birth of the timeless Son of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For Jeff and Laura our bishops, Ron our priest, Donna & Marge our deacons and all the presbyters, priests & deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice in the world.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead. Remembering especially those for whom memorials have been given and are listed in our worship bulletin this Christmas season.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Peter, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

People: To you, O Lord.

For what else shall we pray this day?

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn #128 “We three kings” verses 1,2,5

The Doxology is sung while the offering is brought to the altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

Sanctus #S-130

Schubert, arr. Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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...

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: #712 “Dona nobis Pacem” sung 3x



Post Communion Prayer (in unison)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn #109 “The First Noel”

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Legal notice: The Annual Meeting of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church will be held on February 1, 2026.



Parish Remembrances and Thanksgivings for Epiphany 2026

We pray for our clergy: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for our deacons Donna & Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Brooklyn; St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton All immigrants, refugees & the ministries that serve them. *The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week especially Lianie Gorcenski Unterzuber (1/12), and those celebrating anniversaries.

We pray for the deceased.

Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Hannah Janowiak, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Roberto Rodegher, Linda Snarski, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Peggy Cobb & family, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Robin, Brenda, Jim, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:15 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: third Thursdays 6 p.m.



Memorial Giving for Christmas



Given by

Joyce Agnew

Matt & Jillian Algieri

The Atwood Family:
Tom, Pam, Tom
Jr & Charlotte

Judith Banks

Trisha Beatty & George Dagon

Richard & Laura Beaudoin

Carolyn Bouchard

Claire Bracaglia

Cynthia Brinkman

Brien & Terry Brown

Ronald & Joan Churney

Georgette Conrad

Henry & Joyce Dombrowski

Marcia & Chuck Eaton

The Eells Family

In Loving Memory of

Thomas & Viola O'Reilly, Thomas R. O'Reilly,
deceased members of the Agnew family.

Jolene Drudi

Frost "Nanny" Krist; Dorothy "GMa" Atwood
and John D Atwood, Jr.

Family and friends who have departed

Susan Beatty and George Dagon, Sr.

Richard Beaudoin, Christopher Beaudoin,
Napoleon Beaudoin, Omer Beaudoin, John &
Catherine Flannery, Clifton LeBrec, Constance
LeBrec, Judith Wolf, Richard LeBrec

Loved Ones

Henry Lindert, Henry Jones, Helen Wason,
Marge Dill, Nelson Moore

John G. Brinkman

Sarah Brown DuBrava

John & Theresa Churney, John Churney,
Richard Baron, George Holsten

Clyde Conrad, Jr.

Henry & Elizabeth Dombrowski, John & Angie
Banulski, Judy, Dave & David Martin

Ethel, Harrison, Harry & John Eaton, Barbara,
George Potterton, Georgia & Jack Spratt, Lee
& Pam Potterton

Clarence & Terry Michaud, & Bonnie Eells



Stephen & Fisk Victoria	All family and friends that have already gone back to God.; All in the world who have lost their lives due to lack of refuge, food, medical resources and freedom.
The Forrest Family	Walter Forrest, George W. Clark
Mark & Laurel Houle	All our ancestors: Graves, Proctors, Varese, and Terlizzi
Gayle Porter Kataja	Peter C. Kataja, Merle N. & E. Earl Porter, Kyle P. Buttice, Natalie B. & Claude W. Jones
Kathy Kniep	Jeanne and Robert Wessman, Paul LeBreton; Evangeline and Blanche Kniep
Bob Kliminsky and Alex Kliminsky	Charless Whitham
Ron Kolanowski & Art Engler	Mel & Helen Hiltabel, Art & Helen Kolanowski, Lori Kolanowski.
Curt & Ellen Kraemer	William Gilroy
Mary Latour	Alice Hagenow, Richard J. Hagenow
John Loge	Frances Jeanne Loge, Stuart Edgar Power, Beverly Jane Sandefur, Judith Marion Gray
Lynda Majewski	Paul Louis Arruda
John & Sandy Marshall	Howard & Marjorie Marshall, Emmett & Marie Hartz
Len & Cindy Matejek	Trent Liseo & Dylan Comstock (grandsons)
The Mondrach Family	Steve & Emmy Lou Mondrach and Robert & MaryAnn Siegle
Marianne Moore	Kenneth, Nelson, Maitland, and Glenn Moore; Donald Richter.
The Myers Family	P. Hamilton & Ruth Myers; Tom and Martha Bombaci
Liz & Alex Nelson	Alison Nelson & Julie Sucich
Patrcia Opgaard	Kathie Schunck (her sister)

The Osmond Family	Cleo & Doris Wandling, John B. & Mildred Osmond, John C. Osmond
John & Susan Ostrout	Elmer H. Ostrout, Jr., Dorothy R. Ostrout, William J. Murray, Shirley F. Murray, Edward Murray
Barbara Parkyn	Family & friends
Steve Platz	Judy, Ed & Linda Platz
	Henry & Evelyn Dickinson
Chris & Chad Raasumaa-Boots	Their grandparents
Amy Stone	Family, friends, and pets
The Sullivan Family	Bob Bloch; their grandparents
Lianie Unterzuber	Bob Gorcenski, Dee Urban, Debbie Bell, Mary Jo Keenan, John Romero
	Anastasios Philippou
John Viklinetz	Helen Joy Viklinetz
Stephen Wells	Carol A. Wells
Stephanie Wheeler	Russell H. Wheeler, Jr.
Denise Ward	Tyler Marshall & Mark Saul
Debbie Wilson & Darlene McDonald	David McDonald, Velma McDonald, Charlene McDonald, Larry McDonald, John Wilson, Anita Wilson, Brian Wilson, Chip Wilson.



Gifts Given in Honor

Given by

In honor of

Stephen & Victoria Fisk

Jeanette Farren, Liam & Thor

All family, friends, and pets living under
uncertainty in the world

The Forrest Family

Ryan Clark

Maryann Hickelton

Claire Bracaglia

Steve Konopka

The Konopka family and my church family