

# Morning Prayer

## The Epiphany: Christmastide 2B

January 3, 2021

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### Prelude

### Announcements

### Opening Sentence

*The Presider says*

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*



### Opening Hymn

Hymnal 496

*How bright appears the Morning Star*



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam -  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin -



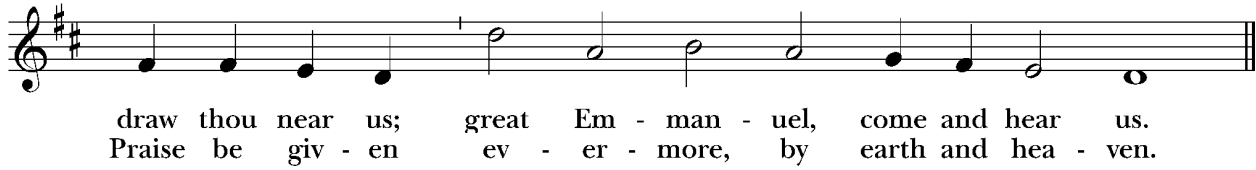
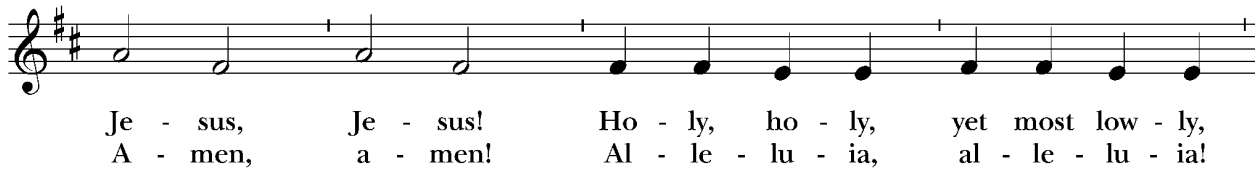
ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,



and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



## Confession of Sin

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

**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.**

*A Priest says*

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 Invitatory and Psalter

*Presider* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* **And your glory all the day long.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Presider* Christ has shown forth his glory:  
*People* **O come let us worship.**

### ***Jubilate: Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

<sup>1</sup>Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

<sup>2</sup>**That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>10</sup>**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup>**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Christ has shown forth his glory:

*People* **O come let us worship.**

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

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

### **Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed**

*Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \***  
**O King of all the ages.**

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \***  
**because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

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

# Hymn

# Hymnal 128

*We three kings of Orient are*



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
5 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!

## Third Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

*A Reading from Matthew.*

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>‘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.’”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### The Prayers

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

**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.**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your Name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

*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.**

*Three Collects for Epiphany*

Jesus, as we travel far and fast, lead our minds back to the wise ones following your star, and forward to the day when all will see your shining light. **Amen.**

Jesus, light of the world, let your bright star stand over the place where the poor have to live; lead our sages to wisdom and our rulers to reverence. **Amen.**

O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your Son Jesus Christ to the gentiles; grant that your Church may be a light to the nations, so that the whole world may come to see the splendor of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **Intercessions and thanksgivings**

*Presider* As we are glad, Creator God, when the dawn's light reveals the world to us, innocent and fresh, so may we discover the infant in the manger and, in delight, be ready to start anew.

*Intercessor* We pray for us, your faithful people, and those who lead us, that we may walk in your way of love and manifest your love to the world. for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Julio, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at Christ Church, Pleasant Lake; and St Ann's, Mendoza; and St Margaret's, Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic. **Shine your light on your Church, Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for all the nations of the world, that those in authority will work toward peace and equity for all their people. **Shine your light on the nations, Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for people everywhere, that their lives may be full, that their families may be secure, that their hearts be filled with your peace. **Shine your light on all your children, Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for the community in which we live, that neighbors care for neighbors creating a truly caring community for all. **Shine your light on this community, Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for those who are suffering in ways that are known or hidden to us. We pray for those who struggle mightily in this life for and those whose light is dimming. For those who are ill and those who care for them. For those who are born today and for those who will die. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_ . **Shine your light into the seasons and passages of our lives, Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for those who have been called into larger life with you, [especially \_\_\_\_\_ ]. **Shine your perpetual light upon them, Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. **Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries**

In January, we celebrate the birthdays of Jan V, Pat, Bonnie, John, Kathy K, Kathy O, and any others you wish to remember in prayer.

#### ***Prayer for a Birthday***

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Jan V, Pat, Bonnie, John, and Kathy O., as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### ***Prayer for an Anniversary***

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon *this* couple/s. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may continue to grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

*The Presider then says*

My brothers and sisters, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you.

**Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

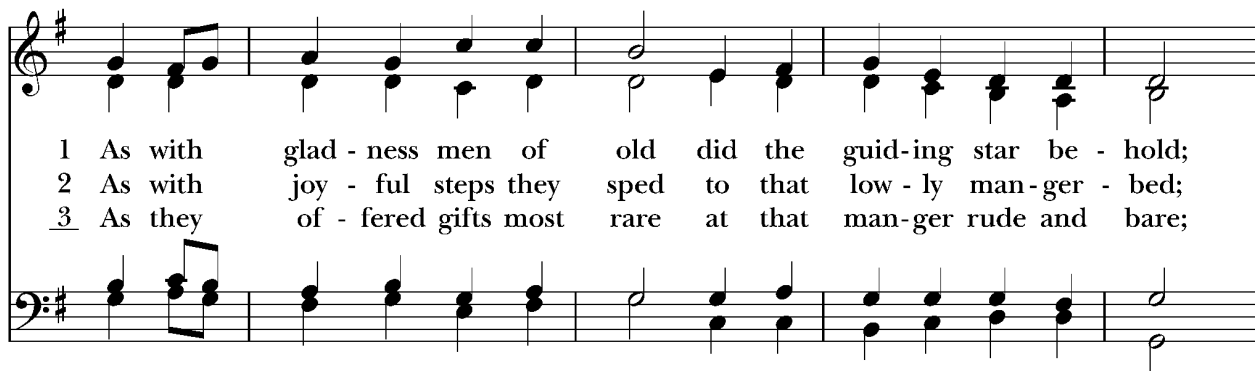
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

**Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

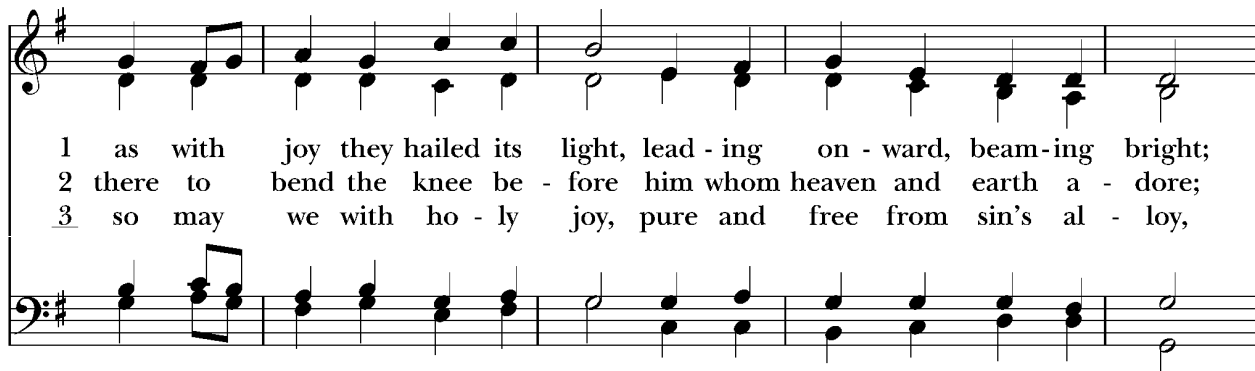
## Concluding Hymn

Hymnal 119

*As with gladness men of old*



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;



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,



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 heaven - ly King.

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

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, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Presider* Let us go forth in the love of the Father who created us, rejoicing in the Son who was born on earth for us, and in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

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### **REGARDING OFFERINGS TO ST. BARNABAS CHURCH**

**To make an offering to St Barnabas**, please mail your check to the church: 20500 W Old US-12, Chelsea MI 48118-1309. Mail is being collected daily.

### **CONTINUING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS TO FAITH IN ACTION**

Faith in Action is continuing to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They will be in need of our continuing help in the weeks of winter to come.

**Needed right now:** Shelf-stable groceries and financial donations; cleaning products and personal products are always needed, as these items cannot be purchased with food stamps. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there.

**If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. Arrangements will be made for those who need to bring donations to the church; contact Nancy for details upcoming.

Donations to help us combat the continuing effects of the pandemic can be made by PayPal at [www.faithinaction1.org](http://www.faithinaction1.org), by [Facebook](#), or by mailing a check to *Faith in Action, 603 S. Main Street, Chelsea MI 48118*. **If you need help, please call FIA at (734) 475-3305**

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### **Enrichment for Our Spiritual Journey**

**Join St Barnabas'** twice-weekly Zoom check-in! Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

The third Thursday meetings of each month are Labyrinth Talks, hosted by Rob. Contact Marion if you need the link.

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### Upcoming Commemorations

- Jan 3 William Passavant, Prophetic Witness, 1894; Angela Foligno, Mystic, 1309; and, Gladys Aylward, Missionary, 1970
- 4 Elizabeth Ann Seton, Vowed Religious and Educator, 1821; and, Thomas Atkinson, Bishop, 1881
- 5 Sarah, Theodora, and Syncletica of Egypt, Desert Mothers (Ammas), 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> c.
- 6 The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ
- 8 Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969
- 9 Julia Chester Emery, Lay Leader and Missionary, 1922

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**Opening bidding** at the Prayers and Intercessions, and **Three Collects for Epiphany** from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*. New York: HarperOne, 1997, pp.575 and 578

**Concluding prayer** at the Intercessions adapted from *The Armed Forces Prayer Book*, 1951.

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### January 3, 2021 The Feast of the Epiphany (Christmas 2B)

This week, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas each year on January 6.

*Epiphany* is a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing.” At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest, or appearing, as Christ. Traditionally, there are three manifestations celebrated on this feast day.

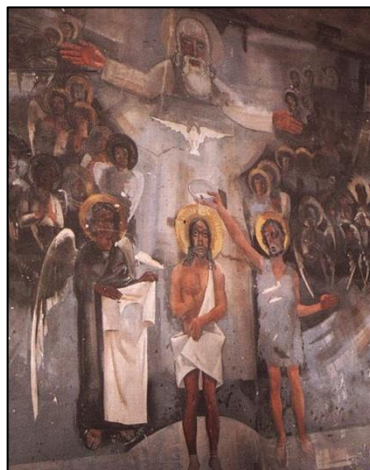
The most widely celebrated manifestation of Christ on this feast day, and the one that has been historically celebrated by Christian churches in the West, is Jesus revealed as Christ to the three wise men, or Magi, from the East, who followed the Star of Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth.

The second manifestation celebrated today is the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Although this was part of the original Epiphany celebrations in second-century Christian churches in the East, by the fourth century Western churches had largely stopped observing the Holy Baptism in Epiphany celebrations. The 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* began to reintroduce Jesus’ baptism into this celebration by revising the lectionary readings for the First Sunday After the Epiphany to include gospel passages each year about Christ’s baptism. The First Sunday After the Epiphany is now also known as the Baptism of Our Lord.

The third manifestation of Jesus as Christ that is traditionally celebrated on this day is the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, Christ’s first recorded miracle.



*The Star of Bethlehem. Edward Burne-Jones, 1885. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.*



*Baptism of Christ. Vilmos Aba-Novak, 1931. Demeter Chapel, Szeged, Hungary.*



*Relief panel with scenes from the life of Christ - The Marriage at Cana. 5th century. Bode-Museum, Berlin*

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We seek to grow as diverse disciples  
of Jesus Christ,  
and to serve Jesus by serving others  
in the world, guided by the values of  
Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming  
Hearts.

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