



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022: The Epiphany

We Three Kings vs. 1-4

(The crucifer / acolyte and second teacher light candles as children sing song)

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign. **Refrain**

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God Most High. **Refrain**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stonecold tomb. **Refrain**

Leader:

This is a time to collect our thoughts and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Collect for Purity:

Leader: Now is a time to calm our bodies, collect our thoughts, and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Jesus, open our minds and our hearts. Amen.**

Collect of the Day:

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for giving us stories that show us that you love us. **Amen.**

The Lesson: All sit.

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Matthew 2:1-12

Far away, one cold, dark night, some wise men saw a strange new light. They looked at the sky and wondered why one star should be so big and bright. Then one of them said, "The star must mean that something great is happening! A special King was born tonight, and that's the reason for this light!" Then all of them cried, "Let's follow the star! It may be near, or it may be far. We'll search until we find the place where we can see the baby's face!" So off they went to follow the star, and was it near? Or was it far? Oh, it was far, so far away! But on they traveled, day after day. And then one night the star shone down upon a house in the town. And there they saw, to their delight, the reason for the shining light. The wise men's hearts were filled with joy as they bowed down before the boy! They gave their treasures to the King and went back home, still worshipping.

Leader: (After the Reading) The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A Teaching (*Officiant speaks 2-3 minutes*)

Children's Creed: *All stand.*

All: **We believe in God,
 who made us and everything.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
 who is God's son.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 who helps us grow. Amen.**

Prayers of the People: *All kneel.*

Leader: We pray for our clergy: Dean Beverly, and Father Eric, and everyone in the church.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the leaders of the world, so we can live in peace.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our families, that your love may fill our hearts.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the boys and girls and their families who are hungry, and we give thanks for those who help them.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all people who are sick or sad.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We ask all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Confession: *Remain kneeling and repeat after the leader.*

All: **Forgive us Lord,
 for the things we have done
 that were not kind and good.
Forgive us Lord, and help us try
 to do the things that we should. Amen.**

Leader: Thank you God for hearing us. We know that you forgive us.

We know that Jesus loves us. We know that the Holy Spirit keeps us in God's care. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

All: **Oh, Lord Jesus, I praise you this day.
 I give myself to you this day.
 I ask you to help me this day. Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Leader: We offer each other a sign of God's peace for one another.

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

All: **And also with you.**

At this time Sunday School activity occurs.

Children are walked to the undercroft for art activity.

*At the proper time, we will process back into the church to join our
parents for the rest of the service and Holy Communion.*