



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Epiphany

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

January 4, 2026



Placing of the Magi in the Nativity

The Service of the Word

Processional Hymn: We three kings (Hymn 128, vs. 1, 2, 3)

Three Kings of Orient

Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

All—Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Carol of Praise: Angels we have heard on high (Hymn 96, vs. 1,3)

Gloria

Angels, we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night.

And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the people 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 forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson—Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector: A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72: 1-7

Lector: The psalm will be spoken responsively by half verse.

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The Epistle—Ephesians 3:1-12

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: As with gladness men of old (Hymn 119, vs.1,3)

*As with gladness, men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
As with joy they hailed its light, leading on-ward, beam-ing bright;
So, most gra-cious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.*

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The Holy Gospel

Stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

All Stand

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The word 'catholic' means universal or world-wide.

Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 385

Stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant

O Lord, in our seeking be our finding. We pray.

Intercessor

We ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

We ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for the well-being of all people.

Prayer for justice and peace.

We ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed and those in prison. For the inmates, the officers and their families at Holmes County Jail, Bonifay, Florida.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

We ask your prayers for those on our prayer list _____, for all women and men in the military around the world, and for those among us with unspoken prayers.

Lord hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

Silence

Celebrant

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

(All are invited to come forward to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to you or someone in the pews, please notify the ushers. Anyone who does not wish to receive is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. All are welcome.)

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: *The Star Carol*

Mark Starr

Alfred Burt

Please stand as the gifts are being brought forward. (offering plates)

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Land of Rest, American folk tune

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest**

The people stand or kneel.

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 for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

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 Mary and 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
Celebrant and People

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

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

Fraction Hymn: Take, O take me as I am

John L. Bell

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (sung 3 times)*

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music at Communion: I surrender all

Rosemary Siemens

*All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust Him; in His presence daily live.*

*Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to You, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender, only at Your feet I bow.
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; fill me with Your love and power. (Refrain)*
*All to Jesus, I surrender, burn in me now, sacred flame.
Be my joy and my salvation; glory, glory to Your name. (Refrain)*

Post communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All—Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the 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.

Celebrant

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession into the World: God rest ye merry gentlemen (Hymn 105, vs. 1-4)

God Rest ye Merry

The Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Medical and Safety Training - Saturday, January 24th 8:30am-1:00pm

Sign-in and Breakfast 8:30am Program 9:00am - 1:00pm

Provided by the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office

First Aid, CPR, Stop Trauma Bleeding, AED Training, Church Campus Safety and Security Training

Register at <https://StMarysSafetyMedicalTraining.eventbrite.com>
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850-623-2905

Wednesday Offerings resume January 7th. Every Wednesday join us for Centering Prayer (10:15am), Bible Study (11am) and Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Prayer and Anointing (Noon). All are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP Resumes! Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm, youth gather in the rectory for dinner, activities and formation discussions! All youth 10-17 are invited. Please sponsor a meal for the youth by providing pizza, tacos, burgers, chips, sodas, etc. Contact the church office to provide a meal or funding for a meal. Thank you!

Choir and Bell choir resumes. Join the 5:30pm choir rehearsal or join the bell choir rehearsal at 6:30pm. Speak with Sam Klauss or Jean Gillis for more information. Come sing & ring with us! 850-623-2905

Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 8am to 9am. Volunteers are welcome to help with stocking food Mondays or Wednesdays at 9am. Thursday distribution volunteers arrive at 7-7:30am.

Today!

NOW SERVING
BREAKFAST



Join us at 10:00am for a delicious breakfast
provided by The Men's Group

Next Sunday—ECW!



United Thank Offering boxes are available in the Narthex. Use the boxes to begin saving your "thankful" coins now & bring them back Jan. 25th for The United Thank Offering. For more UTO information visit their website at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/united-thank-offering/>



UTO NOISY OFFERING

SAVE YOUR SPARE CHANGE AND
BRING IT TO ST MARY'S ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 25TH FOR OUR ANNUAL
NOISY OFFERING DONATION TO THE
UNITED THANK OFFERING, UTO.
WE WILL ALSO BE HANDING OUT UTO
BOXES IN JANUARY FOR YOU TO
COLLECT YOUR SPARE CHANGE IN.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO
BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS!



Ministers for Sunday Service

January 4—Epiphany —Men's group Host breakfast

Eucharistic Minister: (9am) Neil Rowe, (11am) Dave Chaney
Acolytes: (9am) Ann Cole, (11am) Angel & Liam ZandiKarimi
Lector: (9am) Lori O'Gara, (11am) Paula Presnell
Intercessor: (9am) Linda Hamilton, (11am) Daniel Savage
Ushers: (9am) Melodie Rowland, Maureen O'Donnell, (11am) Ted Reese, Julie Hotmer-Drao

January 11—Episcopal Church Women Host breakfast

Eucharistic Minister: (9am) Ann Cole, (11am) Julie Hotmer-Drao
Acolytes: (9am) Neil Rowe, (11am) Angel & Liam ZandiKarimi
Lector: (9am) Brendan O'Gara, (11am) Paula Rogers
Intercessor: (9am) Lillian Robertson, (11am) Alice Grillo
Ushers: (9am) Adam & Charles Willis-Meche, (11am) Vicki Whitfield, Paula Presnell

To serve as an usher, lector, or intercessor, please contact the office or speak with Mother Leanne.

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Prayer Requests

Family

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Jesse & Jennifer Reeves
Janette Grey-Cusack
Robert Lenzo
Sam Klauss
Scott DeLoatch
Sylvia Stern
Vicki Blackmon
Wanda Wadsworth
Wayne Keen

Military

Bradley James
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Our Friends

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