



# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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## THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

# SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

	JANUARY 4	JANUARY 11
Officiant / Leader	Fr. Ben Edstrom	Doug Rotondi
Sharer	Fr. Ben Edstrom	Patti Burt
Altar Guild	Judy Conlan	Judy Conlan
	Char Kautzman	Char Kautzman
Chalice Bearer	Jan Thorne	
Lay Reader	Phil Dean	Danny Kaluza
Ushers	Judy Conlan	Elaine Whitley
	Rita Schoeps	Bill Queer
	Cynthia Weems	Cynthia Weems
Music	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Order of Worship	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Sound & Video	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim

## WELCOME VISITORS!

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There are visitor cards near the entrance, please fill one out and give it to an usher.

The nursery is available for children up to 4 years old. The nursery is the first room on the left going down the hallway.

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table.

## A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

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Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST



January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*Before service we will enter a time of reflective quiet  
as we ready our hearts for the Lord.*

## THE PROCESSIONAL

### ***“Fairest Lord Jesus”***

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God, and man the Son.  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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## THE ACCLAMATION

*The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.*

I will make you as a light for the nations,  
**that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

*Isaiah 49:6*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)*

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

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with  
all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and  
great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall  
love your neighbor as yourself. On these two command-  
ments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

## THE TRISAGION

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

**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.**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with your spirit.**

*Officiant and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **PRAISE MUSIC**

### ***“Waiting Here For You”***

If faith can move the mountains  
Let the mountains move  
We come with expectation  
Waiting here for You  
Waiting here for You

You're the Lord of all creation  
And still You know my heart  
The Author of salvation  
You've loved us from the start

#### ***Chorus***

**Waiting here for You**  
**With our hands**  
**Lifted high in praise**  
**And it's You**  
**We adore**  
**Singing al - le - lu - ia**

You are ev'rything You've promised  
Your faithfulness is true  
We're desp'rate for Your presence  
All we need is You

#### ***Bridge***

**Singing alle - luia [x3]**

*Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Martin Smith © 2011 sixsteps Music CCLI Song # 5925663*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

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 LESSONS

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### OLD TESTAMENT

A Reading from Isaiah 60:1-9 (*Page 619*)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 72:1-11

- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your judgments, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's son.
- <sup>2</sup> Then shall he judge your people with righteousness \*  
and defend the poor with justice.

***(Continues next page) →***

- <sup>3</sup> The mountains also shall bring peace, \*  
and the little hills righteousness to the people.
- <sup>4</sup> He shall vindicate the poor among the people, \*  
defend the children of the poor, and  
punish the wrongdoer.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall fear you as long as the sun  
and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like the rain  
upon the mown grass, \*  
even as showers that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish, \*  
even an abundance of peace, so long  
as the moon endures.
- <sup>8</sup> His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, \*  
and from the river unto the world's end.
- <sup>9</sup> Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel  
before him; \*  
his enemies shall lick the dust.
- <sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall  
give presents; \*  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.
- <sup>11</sup> All kings shall fall down before him; \*  
all nations shall do him service.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT

A Reading from Ephesians 3:1-13 *(Page 997)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

### ***“We Three Kings”***

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

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***

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light**

## THE GOSPEL

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. Matthew 2:1-12 *(Page 807)*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES**

Frankincense to offer have I:  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
Worship him, God Most High.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*Refrain*

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light**

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-leluia  
Sounds through the earth and skies. **[Refrain]**

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## **THE SERMON – FR. BEN EDSTROM**

## THE NICENE CREED

*The people stand*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People Standing*

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please add your vocal petitions at the free intercession \**

*The person appointed says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For Archbishop Stephen Wood and his wife Jacqueline, Bishop Phil and Julie, Suffragan Bishop Mark and Cindy, Father Brian and Jen, Deacon Nan and Charlie, The Anglican Church Plant in Sandpoint with Fr. Ben and Lei, and for all the clergy, congregations and people of our diocese.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; for the ACNA Provincial Office, and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service; especially Donald our president, Greg our governor, members of congress, and those who serve in the courts.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*Together*

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*\*At this time additional prayers may be added, either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say the following sentences, first saying*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:15*

## THE OFFERTORY

*Offertory Sentence*

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where  
moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,  
but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither  
moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in  
and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will  
be also. *Matthew 6:19-21*

### ***“Rising Sun”***

Praise Him all you sinners  
Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory  
Shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him as the children of God

***Chorus***

**Our great Redeemer  
Glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning  
You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

Praise His Name forever  
Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

***Chorus***

**Our great Redeemer  
Glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning  
You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

***Bridge***

Hallelujah, name above all  
Simply to speak Your Name is praise  
Hallelujah, now and always  
Forever we lift Your Name in praise  
Hallelujah, our God You reign  
Simply to speak Your Name is praise **[Chorus]**

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**THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.  
Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low.  
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.**

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# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## THE SURSUM CORDA (HEARTS LIFTED)

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Proper Preface*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



## SANCTUS

**“Holy”**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry

Hosanna\_\_ in the highest.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna\_\_ in the highest. Hosanna\_\_ in the highest.

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# THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here\* may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." 🙏

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." 🙏

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:


*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit  to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, † that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Officiant and People pray together*

**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 FRACTION

*The Breaking of the Bread*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People together may say*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI

***“Lamb of God”***

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.

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## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.*

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.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### ***“Beautiful”***

#### ***Chorus 1***

**Divinely beautiful**

**You came into my world**

**You are the lifter of my head**

**Now my heart will follow [Repeat]**

#### ***Verse***

**And your peace comes over me**

**And finally I rest I rest [Repeat]**

#### ***Chorus 2***

**Divinely beautiful**

**You came into my world**

**You are the lifter of my head**

**Now my heart will follow**

**Though I am weak**

**It doesn't change the way you think about me**

**And when I fall**

**I fall on you for your grace surrounds me**

***[Repeat → Verse]***

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## ***“Holy And Anointed One”***

Je---sus, Je---sus,  
Holy and Anointed One, Je--sus.

Je---sus, Je---sus,  
Risen and Exalted One, Je--sus.

### ***Refrain***

**Your name is like honey on my lips.**

**Your Spirit like water to my soul**

**Your word is a lamp unto my feet**

**Jesus, I love You, I love You.**

***[Repeat from beginning]***

### ***Ending***

Je---sus, Je---sus,  
Holy and Anointed One, Je—sus.

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## **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

**Let us pray.**

*Celebrant and People together*

**Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

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## BLESSING, MILESTONES, & CLERGY BLESSING

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### THE RECESSIONAL

#### ***“O Gracious Light”***

O \_\_\_ grac-ious Light

Pure bright-ness of the ever- living

Father in heaven,

O \_\_\_ Jesus Christ, holy and bless-ed.

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

And our eyes behold the ves-per light,

We sing your praises, O God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times

To be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God. O Giv-er of life,

And to be glorified through all the worlds.

*Phos hilaron - Sandy H. Staynor ©1985 Celebration CCLI# 2785523*

### THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

# THE ADORATION OF THE MAGI

*Edward Burne-Jones  
(1833-1898)*

“Magi from the east apparently were members of a respected group of scholars- what many might call astrologers- from the Persian Empire who studied the stars and other sources for knowledge about the future. (The Book of Daniel also refers to them) Quite possibly, these men had read Daniel’s account of the coming Messiah or other Jewish writings about the prophesied Son of David.”

*Matthew 2:2* “Various scientific explanations have been offered to account for the star, but this was not silly a natural phenomenon. It was his star, supernaturally placed in the heavens for the purpose of guiding the Magi. We see throughout biblical history that God always guides His peoples.”

*Matthew 2:3-8* “King Herod was named King of Judea by the Roman Senate in 37 BC and likely died in 4 BC. He was Idumean (descended from Esau) and did not welcome the news that the ‘king of the Jews’ was born in Bethlehem. By the time of his death, he had murdered his wife and at least two of his sons to protect his throne. When Herod was disturbed...all Jerusalem was disturbed with him.”

*Matthew 2:5-6* “In the prophecy about Jesus in Micah 5:2, two names are given for the small village in northern Israel where the Messiah would be born: Bethlehem and Ephrathah. Bethlehem means ‘house of bread.’ Jesus will later be called ‘the bread of life’...Ephrathah is a much older name that means ‘to be fruitful.’

*Matthew 2:9-11* “The star led the Magi from Jerusalem to Bethlehem and stopped over the place where Jesus was. When the Magi entered the house, they did not find a baby ‘lying in the manger’, as people imagine. Jesus was a young child; more than a year had passed since His birth.”

*Matthew 2:11* “Mary takes prominence here over Joseph, who isn’t mentioned. When it comes to the narratives with Mary and Jesus together, Jesus is always mentioned first. Normally, the name of the other would be listed before the child’s, but the emphasis is on Jesus Christ.” (*Notes from the Jeremiah Study Bible on Matthew 2: 1-12*)