

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

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The Epiphany
or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (6 Jan)
and the Commemoration of First Sunday after the Epiphany
8 January 2023

Solemn High Mass

Processional (Asperges)
Morning Star

Hymn 46, 1st Tune
James P. Harding, 1892



1. Bright-est and best of the sons of the morn - ing, Dawn on our
2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing, Low lies his
3. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, O - dors of
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion, Vain - ly with
5. Bright-est and best of the sons of the morn - ing, Dawn on our



dark - ness, and lend us thine aid; Star of the east, the ho -
head with the beasts of the stall; An - gels a - dore him in
E - dom, and of - frings di - vine, Gems of the moun-tain, and
gifts would his fa - vor se - cure; Rich - er by far is the
dark - ness, and lend us thine aid; Star of the east, the ho -



ri - zon a-dorn-ing, Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
slum - ber re - clin - ing, Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - viour of all.
pearls of the o - cean, Myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
heart's a - do - ra - tion, Dear - er to God are the pray - ers of the poor.
ri - son a-dorn-ing, Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Reginald Heber, 1811, alt.

Introit
Collect for Purity
Summary of the Law

BCP 67
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Kyrie Eleison

Hymn 710
Healey Willan, 1928

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.', 'Lord, _____ have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.', 'Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.', 'Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.', and 'Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us.' The music features a simple, melodic line with some phrasing slurs and a final double bar line.

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 739
Old Scottish Chant

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - - - ther,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on _____ us.

The musical score for 'Gloria in Excelsis' is written in F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.', 'We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee,', 'we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,', 'O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.', 'O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;', 'O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - - - ther,', and 'that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on _____ us.' The music is a simple, slow chant with a steady rhythm and a final double bar line.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on— us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly; Thou on - ly art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther.

A - men.

Collect for The Epiphany

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O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany

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O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for a Woman Departed

Sandra Jo Gleason

The Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

Te Deum laudamus

Hymn 613A/BCP 10

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to | be the Lord.
 All the earth doth worship thee, the Father | everlasting.
 To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the | Powers therein;

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of I Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty I of thy **glory**.
 The glorious company of the Apostles I **praise** thee.
 The goodly fellowship of the I Prophets **praise** thee.
 The noble army of Martyrs I **praise** thee.
 The holy Church throughout all the world I doth acknowledge thee;
 The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and I only Son;
 Also the Holy I Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of I Glory, • O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting I Son of • the **Father**.
 When thou tookest upon thee to delliver man,
 thou didst humble thyself to be I born of • a **Virgin**.
 When thou hadst overcome the I sharpness • of death,
 thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to I all **believers**.
 Thou sittest at the right I hand of God,
 in the glory I of the **Father**.
 We believe that thou shalt come to I be our Judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed I with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered I with thy Saints,
 in glory I ever**lasting**.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine I heritage.

Govern them, and lift them I up for **ever**.
 Day by day we I magni•fy thee;
 And we worship thy Name ever, I world without end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with**out** sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have I mercy • upon us.
 O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our I trust • is in • thee.
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never I be **confounded**.

Epistle

Romans 12:1-5

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I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel

St. Luke 2:41-52

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

NOW the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the Child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Sermon Hymn
The Wise Men

Hymn 50, 2nd Tune
Berthold Tours, 1881



1. Saw you nev - er, in the twi - light, When the sun had left the skies,
2. Heard you nev - er of the sto - ry How they crossed the de - sert wild,
3. Know ye not that low - ly ba - by Was the bright and morn - ing Star?



Up in heav'n the clear stars shin - ing Through the gloom, like sil - ver eyes?
Jouney'd on by plain and moun - tain, Till they found the ho - ly Child?
He who came to light the Gen - tiles, And the dark - en'd isles a - far?



So of old the wisemen, watch - ing, Saw a lit - tle stran - ger star,
How they o - pen'd all their trea - sure, Kneel - ing to that in - fant King;
And we, too, may seek his cra - dle; There our hearts' best trea - sures bring;



And they knew the King was giv - en, And they fol - lowed it from far.
Gave the gold and fra - grant in - cense, Gave the myrrh in of - fer - ing?
Love, and faith, and true de - vo - tion For our Sa - viour, God, and King.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1853

Sermon

The Unique Star

The Rt. Rev. A. F. Rasch

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn

Hymn 51

Three Kings of Orient

John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh,
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King, and God, and Sac - ri - fice,



Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for ev - er, Ceas - ing ne - ver O - ver us all to reign.
Prayer and prais - ing, All men rais - ing, Wor - ship him, God on high.
Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Heav'n sings Al - le - lu - ia: Al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



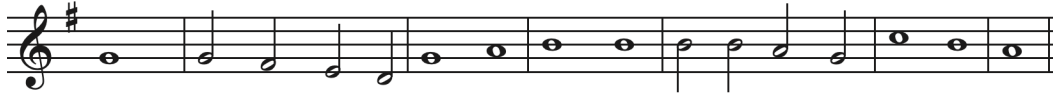
O — star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



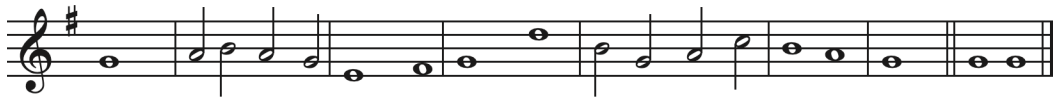
West - ward lead - ing, Still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light! A - men.

John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda

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The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.



Lift up your hearts



We lift them up unto the Lord

Priest

Let us give _____ thanks un - to our Lord God.

All

It is meet _____ and right so _____ to do _____

Preface for The Epiphany

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 797
Healey Willan, 1928

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of hosts,
heav-en and earth are full _____ of thy glo - ry:
Glo - - - ry be to thee, oh Lord most High.
Bless - ed _____ is he that com - eth _____ in the
name _____ of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Consecration

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722
Traditional, very ancient

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.
Thy will be done, On earth as it _____ is _____ in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.

And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev - er and ev - er.

A - men. —

The Fracture

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Hymn 712
 Healey Willan, 1928

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way — the sins of the world, —

have mer - cy up - on — us.

O Lamb of God, — that ta - kest a - way — the sins of the world,

have mer - cy up - on — us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way — the sins of the world, —

grant — us thy — peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

Communion Verse

Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

- 1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
- 3. You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

Please replace your mask as you return to your seat.

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 47

Puer Nobis

Adapted by Michael Praetorius, 1609



1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More beau - teous
2. True spake the pro - phet from a - far Who told the
3. The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; With - in them
4. Their love can brook no dull de - lay, Though toil and
5. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us
6. To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, To Christ, re -



than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald forth the
rise of Ja - cob's star; And east - ern sa - ges with a -
shines a clear - er light, And leads them on with power be -
dan - ger block the way; Home, kin - dred, fa - ther - land, and
on to seek thy face, Let not our sloth - ful hearts re -
vealed in earth - ly night, To God the Ho - ly Ghost we



King, And Gen - tiles to his crib to bring. A - men.
maze Up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
nign To seek the Giv - er of the sign.
all, they leave at their Cre - a - tor's call.
fuse The gui - dance of thy light to use.
raise Our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Charles Coffin, 1736; Tr. John Chandler, 1837, alt.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

People: From this time forth forever more.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Last Gospel

Celebrant: ✠The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

St. John 1:1-14

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IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.

Retiring Processional:

Hymn 52

Dix

Conrad Kocher, 1838, alt.



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 - fer'd gifts most rare At that man - ger rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly___ Je - sus! ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
5. In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright, Need they no cre - a - ted light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
There to___ bend the knee be - fore Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
And, when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last
Thou its___ light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down:



So, most gra - cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to thee.
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.
All our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'n - ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
There for ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.



A - men.
William Chatterton Dix, 1860

Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting Epistoler	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Lector	Robert Jones, Sub-Deacon of the Mass
Acolyte & Thurifer	Tony Shehata
Acolyte in Training & Crucifer	Robert Yeager
Cantor	Ken Kubo, Candidate for Holy Orders
Accompanists	Beth and Ken Kubo
Altar Guild	Nancy Jones
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

Midweek Mass will be celebrated this week on Wednesday at 10 am (Octave of the Epiphany).

Happy Birthday!

J. R. Bowyer (9 January)

Geri Alexander (12 January)

The Fourth Quarter Mite Box will be received throughout January.

The Reverend Darnell Coleman is our Guest Preacher on Sunday the 22nd, the Commencement of 'The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.' Darnell is an ordained Baptist minister and Assistant Minister at the Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church in Pacoima. This will be the 14th occasion he will preach from our pulpit.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be conducted Sunday, January 29th in the Parish Hall following Sunday Mass. Sandwiches are Reserved for those who will be staying for the meeting and signed up for sandwiches in advance.

Business to be handled at the Meeting:

- Appointment of the 2023 Senior Warden.
- Election of two new members to the Vestry.*
- Election of a 2023 Junior Warden.
- Presentation and Approval of the Treasurer's Annual Report for 2022
- Presentation and Approval of the Proposed Budget for 2023.
- The election of three Delegates and three Alternates to the 2023 Diocesan Synod (the location is yet to be determined).

All parishioners are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. To be eligible to cast a vote, or be nominated to the Vestry, our Parish Bylaws must be: 18 years of age or older, listed as a Member in the Parish Register, a Contributor of Record, and regular in attendance. PLEASE, if you plan to nominate someone from the floor, ask their permission in advance, and be certain that they meet the Bylaw requirements!

*Please note that this will bring us to a Vestry size of 7, down from 9, and will allow us to move forward with 2 new Vestry members elected each year. Our Bylaws allow the Vestry to have up to 9 members

with preference for an odd number. Due to the reduced number of active attendees in the Parish, the reduced Vestry size is both reasonable and practical.