Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd!

We invite you to participate fully in our worship today. We are a community of people rooted in the Christian faith as expressed in the Episcopal Church and worldwide Anglican Communion. We are committed to responsible Bible teaching, unity, diversity, radical hospitality and beauty in worship. We care about each other, our community and our world. We hope you will be enriched and refreshed through this experience of worship. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, please know that you are welcome here at Good Shepherd.

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Christmas II

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Rev. G. Richard Civalier, Celebrant

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along and participate in worship today is in this program. Words in **bold** are read by all.

Entrance Hymn: “*We Three Kings*…”  (Hymn #128)

Vs. #1: 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!

Vs. #2: 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)*

Vs. #3: Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God Most High.  *(Refrain)*

Vs. #4: Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  *(Refrain)*

Vs. #5: Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies.  *(Refrain)*

The Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

**Celebrant:** 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 Hymn of Praise: *This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God*  (Hymn #417)

**Celebrant and People:** This is the Feast of victory for our God, Alleluia! Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose Blood set us free to be People of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the Feast of Victory for our God, Alleluia! Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever…  *AMEN!*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray. 
Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah: 7 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.” 8 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. 9 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. 10 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.” 11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 12 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. 13 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. 14 I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm #147:12-20

(The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse. The Lector will read the even numbered verses and the congregation will read the odd numbered verses)

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

14 He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

15 He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

16 He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

17 He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?

18 He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

19 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians: 3 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, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.
He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, "to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved." In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Hymn: “Once in Royal David’s City…” (Hymn #102)

Vs. #1: Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (2:1-12)*

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

2In 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.

Deacon: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Hymn: “Once in Royal David’s City…” (Hymn #102)

Vs. #2: He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

The Homily

The Rev. G. Richard Cavalier
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.

Prayers of the People: *Form III*  

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People:** That we all may be one.

L: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**P:** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

L: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**P:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

L: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**P:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

L: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**P:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

L: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**P:** That they may be delivered from their distress.

L: Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**P:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

L: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**P:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom

L: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord…**Amen.**
Confession of Sin

Celebrant: *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

**Celebrant 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, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father (+) and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...Amen!

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Parish Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION
Eucharistic Prayer B

The Offertory
Presentation of Alms & Doxology

The Celebrant says: *All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

*The Celebrant says: The Lord be with you.*
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:*

*The Celebrant and People will say:*

Then the Celebrant continues:
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 and 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;

The Celebrant continues:
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 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 forever...Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Eucharist Hymn: “Love Came Down at Christmas…” (Hymn #84)

Vs. #1: Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.

Vs. #2: Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Vs. #3: Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.
The Prayer for a Spiritual Communion:
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.
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 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.

The Blessing and Benediction

Recessional Hymn: “Joy to the World…” Hymn #100

Vs. #1: Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Vs. #2: Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Vs. #3: No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Vs. #4: He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE LITURGY TODAY

Acolytes:

Altar Guild:

Lay Reader: Jack Daugherty

Ushers: Jeff & Beth Snodgrass