The Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 19, 2025



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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, Priest in Charge

"With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry." (Author, Jeffrey Rowthorn, text from our closing hymn today "Lord, you give the great commission."

Welcome, and God's peace be to you all, especially to any guests worshipping with us at St. Matthew's today. We are so glad that you are here with us! Your presence makes the love of Christ more real to each one of us. As we worship during this season of Epiphany, we are celebrating that the true Light, now born among us, is continually being revealed to a world desperately in need of light to push back the darkness- that this happens not only in our scripture stories but to <u>all</u> people in every time and every place. Epiphany calls us to the work of sharing this Light.

Please know you are always completely welcome here for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our occasional evening services. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes. Please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are, so that we may continue to welcome you into our community. All our contact information is listed in this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pew racks. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. You will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music-both are intended to be sung by everyone!

<u>All</u> are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.

Blessings and love to you on this holy day and always-Mother Dina

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00am

(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)

The Ringing of the Bells

We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into a respectful silence that settles our souls for this time of Spirit-filled worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Music

"The Call"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Processional Hymn

#7, The Hymnal 1982

"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The people and Celebrant say together

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 Song of Praise

#135, The Hymnal 1982

"Songs of thankfulness and praise"

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the

world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

The Lessons The people sit.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10 (Said in unison)

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those who are true of heart.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

"Blessed Iesus, at thy word"

The Gospel: John 2:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Mother Dina

A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.

The Nicene Creed all stand and say together

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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 Prayers of the People, Form II

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; ++Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and +Audrey, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Today in our Susquehanna Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Bloomsburg. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College, and The Church in the Province of the West Indies. Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, especially our President Joe Biden; our President-Elect Donald Trump; our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Mayor Josh Broscious, and our Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. Silence.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God. Silence.

I ask your prayers for Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, Richard, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Stan, Nancy, Frank, Tammy, Becky, Marley, Alexis, Tanner and family, Tyanne, Adam, Richard, Easton, Joan, Barry, Ariella, Ereda Garcia and Junior Jimenez, Bena, David, Bobby, Marge, Gale, Dot, Janice, former President Jimmy Carter's family, the McCarthy family, and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice, and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, including Logan, and law enforcement. I ask your prayers for all the departed, especially for *Keith and former President Jimmy Carter*.

Pray for those who have died. Silence.

I ask your thanksgivings either silently or aloud. Silence.

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. Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

People Amen.

The Peace BCP 360

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

#423, The Hymnal 1982

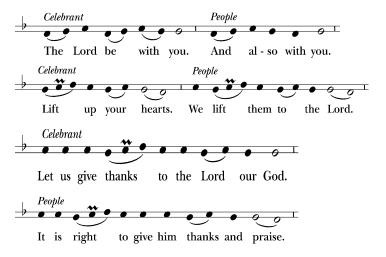
"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

The Presentation of the Offerings #380, vs. 3, The Hymnal 1982

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 367 (S-120, The Hymnal 1982)



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Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as

we sing:

The Sanctus

S-125, The Hymnal 1982

"Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might"

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ.

Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with **St. Matthew** and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



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The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem

#333, The Hymnal 1982

"Now the silence, now the peace"

The Celebrant says

These are 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 Hymn

#490, The Hymnal 1982

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

Prayer for Spiritual Communion All pray together Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Almighty and ever living God, 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.

The Priest blesses the people with the Epiphany Blessing.

The Epiphany Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-Begotten One at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. Amen.

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #780, Wonder, Love, and Praise "Lord, you give the great commission"





Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934). Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

The Dismissal The Celebrant dismisses the People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music Hymn tune 'Thaxted' Gustav Holst

Please join us in the hall immediately following the service for luncheon and our annual meeting. All are welcome!

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, Celebrant and Preacher
Patrick Ishler, Music Minister; St. Matthew's Choir
Mary Ann Loftus, Thurifer; Roy Casey, Eucharistic Minister
David Hollabaugh, Gospel Book Bearer
Barb Sauter, Lector; Barry Treon, Greeter and Usher

PARISH NOTES for January 19, 2025

COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY: The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Feb. 1st, 2025 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at kistinpa@ptd.net. Monetary donations are very much welcomed, please give in an envelope labeled "Diaper Pantry." Donations of diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 are so appreciated and urgently needed-We covered 116 baby bottoms in January!

HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY: The next Food Pantry will be Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. All donations are greatly appreciated, especially canned fruits and vegetables. We fed 36 families in December! Contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415 (leave message) to volunteer.

CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM. Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.

CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon. MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE/PASTORAL CALLING HOURS: TUESDAYS, 11:30-5:00pm (or text/call (717) 481-0708 to plan a time to share together.) I LOVE hearing from you!

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us - NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:

Jan. 19th- Annual Meeting Jan. 26th- Tina McGee

Feb. 2nd, Scouts (Scout Sunday) Feb. 9th, Karen P.

YOGA CLASSES: Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: If you are purging your closets/attics/garage or cellar to make space for your Christmas goodies, please remember that our March 1st Indoor Yard Sale/Soup and Bake Sale (a joint event with our Scouts), 9AM-2PM, will take those items! Items may be left in the Parish (Social) Hall. Any questions, please ask Cyn Reid.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on Jan. 19th. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON: This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19th, beginning with a luncheon immediately after our church service. Ham will be served and we ask all to bring a covered dish or dessert. Please do plan to join us for this important day in the life of our church community.

CHICKEN 'N WAFFLE DINNER: We will be having a Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner "All You Can Eat" on Jan. 21st, 4:00PM – 6:30PM. Take-outs available. Meal includes: homemade waffles, chicken 'n gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and applesauce. Dessert included. \$12.00 a meal/adults; \$5.00 a meal/12yrs & under; under 3yrs/FREE.

ECW MEETING: A meeting for ECW will be held on Jan. 28th at 7:00PM in the Parish (Social) Hall. All are invited.

SCOUT SUNDAY: Our Troops will be joining us for breakfast and worship on Feb. 2nd. Come and greet our Scouts!

MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST: The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Feb. 2nd at 9:00AM

CANDLEMAS HOLY EUCHARIST: Feb. 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of our Jesus Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas, a name which connects it with the Epiphany theme of light and the declaration of Jesus as "a light to lighten the Gentiles."

It falls forty days after the Nativity of Jesus and is a significant day in the calendar of our church year. Bring your home candles to be blessed and we will bless the candles we'll use in the church as well!

UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS: Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more info:

Sun., Jan. 19th: Adult Bible Study, 9AM

Sun., Jan. 19th: Annual Meeting after worship

Tues., Jan. 21st: Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM

Tues., Jan. 28th: ECW meeting, 7:00PM, all are invited

Sun., Feb. 2nd: Monthly morning breakfast, 9:00AM

Sun., Feb. 2nd: Boy Scout Sunday

Sun., Feb. 2nd: Candlemas service, 10:00AM

<u>VESTRY MEMBERS</u>: Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden*; Roy Casey, *Junior Warden*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry;* Nathan Blanchard; Martha Bohner; Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta; Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Pam Schlegel; Lynda Schlegel-Culver. Charlie Schlegel, *Senior Warden Emeritus*

SEXTON Sharon Baney

DONATIONS:

All tithes and offerings are most greatly appreciated, as we rely on your prayerful generosity to care lovingly for our physical space and to keep ourselves vital and active in our community through our worship, our witness, our outreach, and our presence.

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