



Twelfth Night  
A Service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols  
Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 4 p.m.

310 W. 17th Street Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

**W**elcome to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. We're delighted you have joined us for this beautiful service of Lessons and Carols.

*Hymns are found in the red hymnal. Please stand for the hymns.*

**PRELUDE**

HELF MIR GOTTES GÜTE PREISEN, BWV 613

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*(Help me to praise God's goodness)*

DAS ALTE JAHR VERGANGEN IST, BWV 614

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*(The old year has passed)*

**HYMN 124**

WHAT STAR IS THIS, WITH BEAMS SO BRIGHT

*Puer nobis*

**BIDDING PRAYER**

Brothers and sisters, we are gathered to celebrate with joy the appearance of God's glory in the world through the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us; to reflect upon the visit of the magi bringing homage to their Lord at his birth; and, to hear the prophetic words of Anna and Simeon revealing the Christ child as a light to lighten all people. As we rejoice in this, the Word made flesh, who is our beacon of mercy and grace, we pray that his love and faithfulness may be known in all the world. We pray for the unity and mission of Christ's Church, and for all who minister the gospel of Christ, we pray for the world, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God, and we pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful, the sick and the bereaved, and for all who have no one to pray for them. May God our Creator take us and use us in service to creation and all God's children; may the Spirit open our eyes to see God's glory, and may Christ equip us and bless us, now and at all times. And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**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.**

*Officiant* The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

**FIRST LESSON** *Read by a Choral Scholar, Samantha Stover*

ISAIAH 42:1-9

**ANTHEM****STILL, STILL, STILL***arr. Philip Ledger*

*Still, still, still, well 's Kindlein schlafen will.  
 Maria tut es niedersingen,  
 ihre keusche Brust darbringen.  
 Still, still, still, well 's Kindlein schlafen will.*

Hush, hush, hush,  
 for the little child wants to sleep!  
 Maria sings to him, offers him her chaste breast.  
 Hush, hush, hush,  
 for the little child wants to sleep.

*Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf, mein liebes Kindlein, schlaf!  
 Die Englein tun schön musizieren,  
 vor dem Kripplein jubilieren.  
 Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf, mein liebes Kindlein, schlaf!*

Sleep, sleep, sleep, my dear child sleep!  
 The angels are making beautiful music,  
 celebrating the little child  
 Sleep, sleep, sleep, my dear child sleep.

*Groß, groß, groß, die Lieb' ist übergroß.  
 Gott hat den Himmelsthron verlassen  
 und muss reisen auf den Straßen.  
 Groß, groß, groß, die Lieb' ist übergroß.*

Great, great, great, the love is enormous!  
 God has left his heavenly throne  
 and must travel on the road.  
 Great, great, great, the love is enormous!

*Text: Austrian Christmas Carol*

**SECOND LESSON** *Read by a Member of the Choir, Danielle Adkins***ISAIAH 49:1-7****ANTHEM****THERE SHALL A STAR, FROM CHRISTUS, OP. 97***Felix Mendelssohn***Recitative**

*When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judaea; behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came the wise men and said:*

**Trio**

*Say, where is he born, the King of Judaea? for we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.*

**Chorus**

*There shall a Star from Jacob come forth,  
 And a Sceptre from Israel rise up,  
 And dash in pieces princes and nations.*

*How brightly beams the morning star!  
 With sudden radiance from afar  
 With light and comfort glowing!  
 Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us,  
 rightly leads us, Life bestowing.  
 Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!*

*Text: Matthew 2:1-2, Numbers 24:17, Psalm 2:9*

*Soloists: Anna Squire, Josiah Wheeler, Alan Rackley, John Willis*

HYMN 497

HOW BRIGHTLY SHINES THE MORNING STAR

*Wie schön leuchtet*

FOURTH LESSON *Read by a Verger*

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14

ANTHEM

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

*Harold Darke*

*In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubim  
Worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk  
And a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for Him, whom Angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Christ.*

*What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a Shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him,  
Give my heart.*

*Text by Christina Rossetti*

*Soloists: Anna Squire and Tomas Baxter*

FIFTH LESSON *Read by a Member of the Vestry, Christoph Keller*

JOHN 1:1-14

HYMN 92

ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

*Personent hodie*

SIXTH LESSON *Read by a Member of the Clergy, The Rev. Rob Leacock*

MATTHEW 2:1-12

ANTHEM

THE THREE KINGS

*Peter Cornelius*

*Solo*

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar  
to Jordan follow the pointing star:  
and this the quest of the travellers three,  
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
and there in worship they bend the knee,  
as Mary's child in her lap they see;  
their royal gifts they show to the King;  
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*



*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
offer thy heart to the infant King.*

*Text by Peter Cornelius*

*Soloist: Josiah Wheeler*

*Chorale  
How brightly shines the morning star!  
With grace and truth from heaven afar  
our Jesse tree now bloweth.  
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,  
for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,  
my soul with love o'erfloweth.  
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,  
rightly leads us, life bestowing.  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

**SEVENTH LESSON** *Read by the Curate, The Rev. Thomas Alexander*

LUKE 2:21-38

**ANTHEM**

NUNC DIMITTIS IN E

*Herbert Murrill*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

*Text: Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32*

**EIGHTH LESSON** *Read by the Dean and Rector, The Very Rev. Amy Dafler-Meaux*

MARK 1:9-11

**HYMN 128**

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

*Three Kings of Orient*

**CONCLUDING 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.**

**EPIPHANY BLESSING**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**HYMN 117**

BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING

*Morning Star*

**Please come to Burning of the Greens and a s'mores reception  
in the garth following this service.**

**Officiant**

*The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux*

**Director of Music**

*Dr. Colin MacKnight*

**Associate Director of Music**

*Jeremiah Mead*

**Acolytes**

*Harper Bennings, Michael Wayland*

**Notes on the Notes:** In the German Lutheran tradition, the most prominent and important chorale (i.e. hymn tune) of the day is called the Hauptlied, or chief hymn. While this is not a part of our Anglican heritage, the term does seem applicable to this evening's hymn *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, or "How brightly shines the morning star." This chorale is one of today's hymns, the theme of today's postlude, and appears in the Mendelssohn and Cornelius anthems. Mendelssohn quotes *Wie schön* at the end of the chorus 'There shall a star; The Three Kings by Cornelius consists of a freely composed vocal solo accompanied by a harmonization of *Wie schön* sung by the rest of the choir.

Please join us after this service for Burning of the Greens and a s'mores reception! Tomorrow night, we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a choral eucharist at 7 pm.

## Children & Youth Events in January 2025!

Sundays, January 5, 9:15 a.m. Children's Formation (K-5th) resumes!

Wednesday January 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Community Dinner + Koinonia Worship

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 a.m. Cooking in Bloom Class for Youth

Wednesday, January 29 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Community Dinner + Family Service Project: Hope Sacks for CALS

## Book Club: *The Christian Imagination* by Willie James Jennings

*Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, beginning January 8*

*Baker Parlor in Keller House*

On Wednesday, January 8, the Cathedral's Book Club will start our next book, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* by Willie James Jennings. A groundbreaking account of the potential and failures of Christianity since the colonialist period, *The Christian Imagination* is now widely recognized as a theological masterpiece. This will be a chance to study Professor Jennings' work before his Insights Lecture on Friday, April 4. The book is not available for purchase locally, but it is readily available on Amazon and as an audiobook. Interested? Contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander. Below is the reading schedule:

January 8 – Introduction, pages 1–11

January 15 – Chapter 1, pages 15–64

January 22 – Chapter 2, pages 65–116

January 29 – Chapter 3, pages 119–168

February 5 – Chapter 4, pages 169–203

February 12 – Chapter 5, pages 207–249

February 19 – Chapter 6 and Conclusion, pages 250–294

## Bible Study: *The Gospel of Luke* with Martin Luther

*Sundays at 9:15 am, beginning January 12*

*Conference Room in Keller House*

On January 12, our Sunday morning Bible Study will begin reading the Gospel of Luke. During this four-week class, we will also study the sixteenth century reformer, Martin Luther, and his own interpretation of Luke's Gospel. A mixture of Bible study and Church history, this class will be not only a chance to hear God in Scripture, but also a chance to hear what God has spoken to one of our Christian ancestors. Participants are encouraged to bring a Bible with them to each session. To learn more, or to sign up for the Bible Study's emails, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander ([thomas@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:thomas@trinitylittlerock.org)). Below is the reading schedule:

January 12 – Luke 1–2

January 19 – Luke 3–9

January 26 – Luke 10–19:27

February 2 – Luke 19:28–24:53

## Bach Organ Recitals

*Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., beginning January 8*

In commemoration of the 275th anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach in 1750, Director of Music Colin MacKnight will perform Bach's complete organ works throughout 2025. Bach is indisputably the most important composer of organ music, but due to the difficulty and quantity of Bach's organ music, very few organists ever perform the complete works.

Bach's organ oeuvre comprises about 18 hours of music: six trio sonatas, 43 preludes and fugues and other free works, four trios, five miscellaneous pieces, five concertos, and over 200 chorale preludes (pieces based on Lutheran hymn tunes). Colin will perform most of these works in lunchtime recitals on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45. These weekly recitals will begin on January 8th, pause for Holy Week (April 16) and Easter week (April 23), and continue through May. They will resume in the fall on September 10.