



THE PARISH CHURCH
— AT HABERSHAM —

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, January 7, 2023



A Church Where We Love Our Neighbors

Who We Are

The Parish Church worships God together in community, offering an opportunity to come to know and love the Lord Jesus. We believe that as we grow in our love for God together, we will also grow closer to one another - being known, sharing life, and loving neighbors as Jesus taught us to do, right where we live.

The Parish Church at Habersham is a daughter church plant of St. Helena in Downtown Beaufort. We are a mission church on the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina under the authority of Bishop Charles Edgar.

Liturgy of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: 84 As With Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old,
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord,
May we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before,
Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet,
Ever seek the mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare,
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day,
Keep us in the narrow way,
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last,
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

The Acclamation

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations,

People: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

The Celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord. ⁷ All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.

⁸ Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? ⁹ For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 72

Please read the psalm responsively by half verse

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
***give deliverance to the children of the needy, and
crush the oppressor!***

- ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures,
***and as long as the moon, throughout all
generations!***
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

- ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- ⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

¹⁵ Long may he live;
may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!

¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land;
on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field!

¹⁷ May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
***may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!***

²⁰ The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

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

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word;
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went

before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Jamie Sosnowski

The Nicene Creed

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

After each intercession, prayers from the congregation are invited.

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Confession of Sin

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 Absolution of Sin

The Comfortable Words

The Peace (*standing*)

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

People: *And with your spirit.*

The first Noel the angel did say
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
 In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
 Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of God's bright star,
 Three wiseman approached from a kingdom afar;
 To seek the king was their intent,
 And to follow the star wherever it went.

Then entered in those wisemen three,
 Fell rev'rently upon their knee;
 A fitting gift did each present:
 Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
 Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
 That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
 And with his blood mankind hath bought.

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest.*

The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

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 Invitation

The Ministration of Communion

Communion Hymn

The Lord is My Light

The Lord is my light, my help, my salvation.
Why should I fear? With God I fear no one.
God protects me all my life.
With the Lord what should I dread?

Refrain:

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help,
The Lord is my salvation.

There is one thing I ask, of the Lord that I long for:
All of my days with God to be dwelling.
Gazing with awe at the beauty of God,
And in wonder look on God's house.

I know I will live to see the Lord's goodness;
Now, in this life, I'm sure I will see it.
Trust in the lord, be strong and be brave;
Wait in hope for God, our salvation.

The Post Communion Prayer

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 the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: 83 We Three Kings of Orient Are

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!

“Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Pray’r and praising, All men raising,
Worship him, God on high.”

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

Glorious now behold him arise,
King, and God, and Sacrifice;
Heav’n sings Alleluia;
Alleluia the earth replies.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thank You for Worshipping with Us!

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