



*Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.*

**Second Sunday after Christmas                      January 5, 2025**

**The Epiphany**

**Prelude:** *Journey to the King* | Matt Schinske

**Opening Hymn:** H-497 | *How bright appears the Morning Star*

**Gospel Hymn:** H-98 | *Unto us a boy is born*

**Offertory Anthem:** TBD

**Communion Hymn:** H-247 | *Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child*

**Closing Hymn:** H-92 | *On this day earth shall ring*

**Postlude:** *This Great Day (March of the Kings)* | Traditional French Carol, | arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

**The Collect/ Prayer of the Day**

**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.***

**Readings:** [https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC\\_RCL/Epiphany/Epiph\\_RCL.html](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/Epiphany/Epiph_RCL.html)

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 - Prayed responsively by half verse**

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
**from one generation to another.**

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
**and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
**and all the nations do him service.**
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
**and the oppressed who has no helper.**
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
**he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
**and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anniversary Prayer**

Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year of married life together, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness, patience, wisdom, and grace, that what they have begun together they may end in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Welcome Rev. Ann Moczydlowski** – as our supply priest today while Rev. Beth is on vacation.

**Laredo Grill to Support El Hogar** – Join us tomorrow evening, January 6 at 6:00 PM for dinner at Laredo Grill, 347 Muddy Branch Road. Write “St. Nicholas” on the restaurant receipt and a portion (10%) of your purchase will be donated back to St. Nick’s for our Educational Partnership at El Hogar.

**Parish Town Hall on Sunday, January 19** – Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 19 to learn about the Transition Process from The Rev. Canon Robert Phillip, Transition Office for the Diocese. He will preach and preside during the service, and then share with us the new Transition Process to discern our next priest.

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