

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 5, 2025

WELCOME! THE SERVICE ORDER OUTLINES OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.

Organ: Prelude on *Divinum Mysterium* (Of The Father's Love Begotten) – Gerald Near b. 1942

Hymn 107, Good Christian Friends, Rejoice With Heart And Soul And Voice

The Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer
After the prayers all are seated.

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19, 22-24 -- a chorister
Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden.

Carol: Adam Lay Ybounden
Text: Anonymous 15th c. English; Setting: Peter Warlock 1894-1930

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, An apple that he took. As clerkes finden written In their book.
Nor had one apple taken been, The apple taken been, Then had never Our Lady,
A-been heaven's queen. Blessed be the time That apple taken was!
Therefore we may singen: *Deo gratias!*

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 - a member of the congregation
The prophet predicts that new life shall spring forth from the root of Jesse.

Hymn 81, Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming From Tender Stem Hath Sprung!

The Third Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 - a lector
God proclaims hope for the restoration and redemption of God's people.

Carol: Every Valley – text: Isaiah, music: John Ness Beck 1930-1987
Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low, and the crooked straight, and the rough places plain, and all flesh shall see it together. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen.

The Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-4 - a vestrymember
The prediction of the glory of Bethlehem.

Hymn 127, Earth Has Many A Noble City: Bethlehem Thou Dost All Excell

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38 - a eucharistic minister
Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Hymn 265, The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-14 - the Director of Music
Jesus is born at Bethlehem.

Carol: Still, Still, Still – Norman Luboff 1917-1987

Still, still, still One can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. Sleep, sleep, sleep; 'Tis the eve of our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, Let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep; 'Tis the eve of our Savior's birth. Dream, dream, dream, Of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number Watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream, Of the joyous day to come.

The Seventh Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 - a Warden of the congregation
The Wise Men are led by the star to worship the Christ Child.

Carol: For Him All Stars Have Shown

text: Elizabeth Jennings, 1926-2001; music: Bob Chilcott, b. 1955

He is so small the stars bow down the fierce winds ease their breath, and careful shepherds look upon the one unsullied birth. They kneel and stare while time seems gone and goodness rules the earth. The blight on man is all undone, and there will be no death, for though this child will be nailed on A cross, he'll be so since He is the jewel of untold worth. For him all stars have shone.

The Eighth Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-6, 8 - the Mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods

Jesus, the Begotten Son of God, reigns over all that God has created.

Solo: Of The Father's Love Begotten (*Divinum Mysterium*) - Stephanie Dean, soprano
text: Marcus Prudentius (348-410?) at Hymnal #82; setting: Brooks Daniel-Hoste, b.1980

all stand for the Prologue to John's Gospel

The Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14 - the Rector of the parish
John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

Hymn 109, vs. 1, 2, 5, 6: The First Nowell

During the hymn your offering is received for the work of this parish church.

Prayers, Epiphany Blessing, Easter Proclamation

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Eternal Light; Lead us also in our pilgrimage to find and know him as our Lord: and the blessing of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon us, now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn 87: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Glory To The Newborn King

Organ: Toccata on the hymn tune "Mendelssohn" – James Marriott

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by loving and serving our neighbors in the world.

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