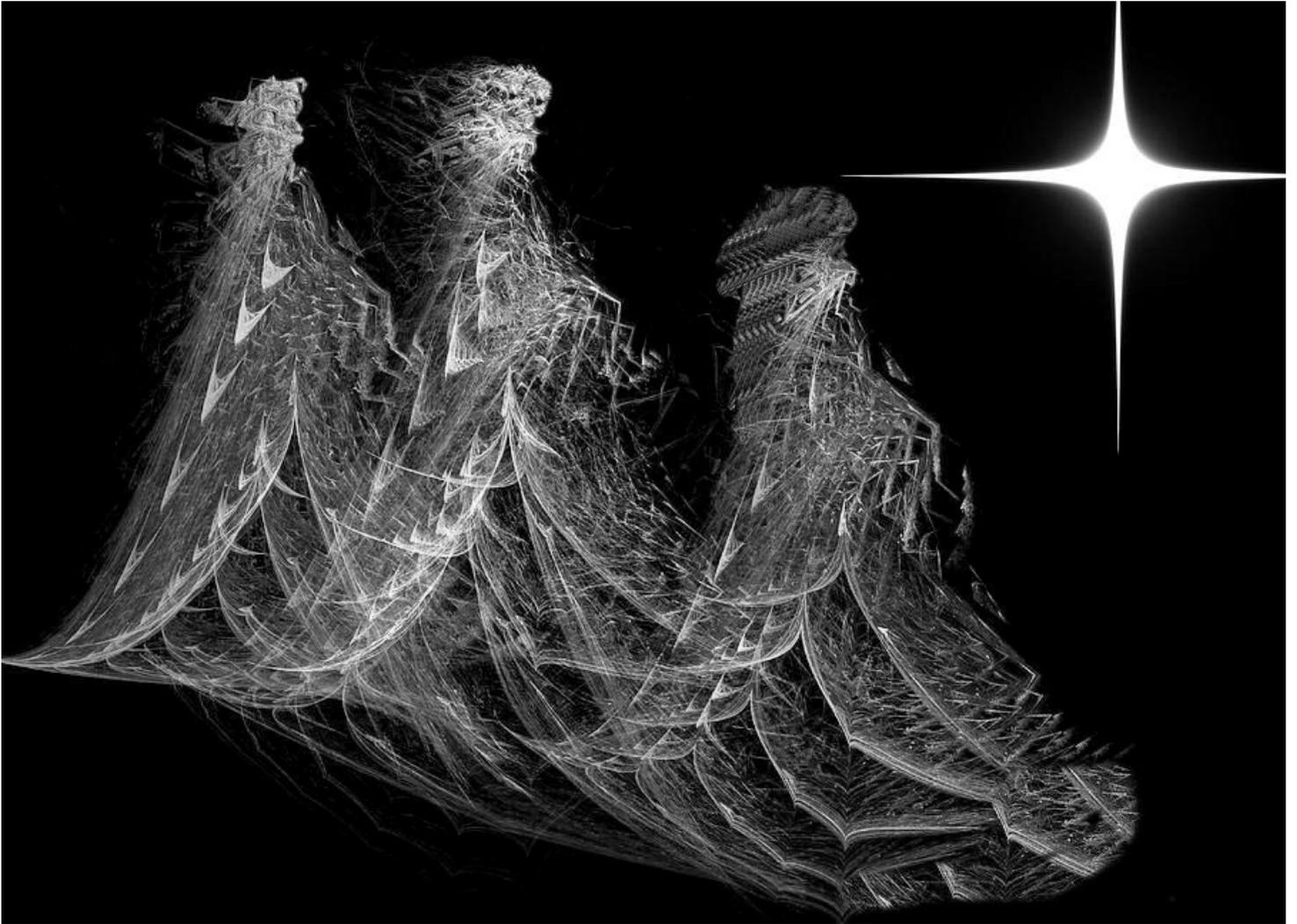
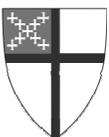


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**January 6, 2018**  
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# Welcome

Welcome to our visitors. Please sign-in on the guest iPad or connection card at the greeter's table so we can get to now you.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Do you need prayers? Email: [prayers@saintjudes.org](mailto:prayers@saintjudes.org)

*For those who have died and the ones who loved them: Kwang Lin (Peter Lin's father)*

## **A Prayer for the New Year**

Faithful Companion, in this new year I pray:

To live deeply, with purpose,

To live freely, with detachment,

To live wisely, with humility,

To live justly, with compassion,

To live lovingly, with fidelity,

To live gratefully, with generosity,

To live fully, with enthusiasm.

Help me to hold this vision and to daily renew it in my heart, becoming ever more one with you, my truest Self.

*By Joyce Rupp, (Taken from Out of the Ordinary, 2000, and used by permission of Ave Maria Press.)*

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*Coffee Host: Doug & Judy Bailey*

*Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Emily Holton, Susan Isetorp*

*Lay Reader: Peggy McNutt*

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Welcome

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

Hymn: "What Star is This?"

verses 1, 3 Hymnal 124

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Arise! Shine! For your light has come!

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us! Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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.**

The Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 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 proclaim the praise of the Lord.

After the lesson the reader says: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

- 1 Give earthly rulers your justice, O God, \* and your righteousness to their children;
- 2 That your people may be ruled righteously \* and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \* and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 The needy shall be defended among the people; \* the poor rescued and oppressors crushed.

- 5 The sovereign shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \* from one generation to another.
- 6 God shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \* like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In time shall the righteous flourish; \* there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The rulers of Tarshish and the isles shall pay tribute, \* and the sovereigns of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All rulers shall bow down, \* and all the nations do honor.
- 12 For the poor shall be delivered who cry out in distress, \* and the oppressed who have no helpers.
- 13 The lowly and poor will be pitied; \* the lives of the needy shall be preserved.
- 14 Their lives shall be redeemed from oppression and violence,\* and dear shall their blood be.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Savior.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Wilma Jakobsen

*(Silence is observed after the sermon for meditation or reflection)*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## Nicene Creed

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, 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.**

## Prayers of the People

Let us pray: God of glory, you call us to be your people, humble, faithful, and courageous. As Jesus the Christ inspired others to follow his ways, so inspire us to join your work in the world. Redeeming God, **may we follow your way of Love.**

For this community of faith: May we love and serve those around us as Christ loved and served those around him. Redeeming God, **may your righteousness and peace flourish in our lives.**

For those who are blind to injustice: Open their eyes so they might work to end oppression and violence. Redeeming God, **may your righteousness and peace flourish in our lives.**

For those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit and for their loved ones: Comfort and strengthen them, including ... and those we name now... Redeeming God, **may your righteousness and peace flourish in our lives.**

For the faithful who have gone before us: May we follow the example of their lives, until we are reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life including ... and those we name now... . Redeeming God, **may your righteousness and peace flourish in our lives.**

We give thanks for this new year and for our many blessings, including ...and those we name now... Redeeming God, **may your righteousness and peace flourish in our lives.**

Redeeming God, **humble us to seek your wisdom and guidance and to set aside the temptation of relying on egos or human efforts alone. Help us share our treasures in support of your vision for Shalom and humble and quick to give you praise and give thanks for your presence in our lives. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

## Confession of Sin *(Sit or kneel as you are able.)*

**All: 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.**

Absolution

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. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand and offer the Peace to those nearby.)*

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

**People: And also with you.**

Prayer for Healing *(sit or kneel as you are able)*

*Those who are unable to get to the altar rail are invited to stand in their places, and others around them are invited to raise a hand toward them during the prayer.*

**O God, the source of all health: So fill our hearts with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy we may make room for your power to possess us, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing for Celebrations *(Sit or kneel as you are able.)*

**Loving Creator, You are the source of life and the source of love. We thank you for all who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special events today. Watch over them as their days increase, bless and guide them wherever they may be. May your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives, and may your love for the world shine through them and the deep relationships they cherish, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing of new vestments

### **The Holy Communion**

Offertory & Presentation

*(Please stand as you are able, as the usher presents the gifts at the altar)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

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

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Jude and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior has taught us, in the language or version of our choice, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer in Chinese

我們在天上之父，願人都尊父的名為聖，願父的國降臨，願父的旨意行在地，如同在天。我們日用的飲食，求父今日賜給我們。又求饒恕我們的罪，如我們饒恕得罪我們的人。不叫我們遇見試探；拯救我們脫離凶惡。因為國度、權柄、榮耀，全是父的，從現在至到永遠。阿們。

Lord's Prayer in Spanish

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venganos tu Reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos metas en tentación, sino líbranos del mal, porque tuyo es el Reino, el poder y la gloria, por siempre. Amén**

Lord's Prayer in French

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, Que ton nom soit sanctifié, Que ton règne vienne, Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumets pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal, car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive Communion of bread and wine, or to receive a blessing. If you do not wish to receive the wine, or only want to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest when the priest comes to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, please ask the priest.*

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors (*Please stand as you are able.*)

In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to those who cannot be with us today: (*names*) ...Let them know that they are in our prayers and that this is holy food for holy people. **We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "*This Little Light of Mine*"

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Announcements

The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**