



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
— OF THE —  
**TRANSFIGURATION**

TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

Year Two  
The Second  
Sunday After  
Christmas  
Daily Office  
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**Edwards Order of Worship**  
**The Second Sunday After Christmas**  
**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**



*Flight into Egypt*  
*Saint Catherine's Monastery*  
*Mount Sinai*  
*12<sup>th</sup> century*

Angels, from the realms of glory

Hymn 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

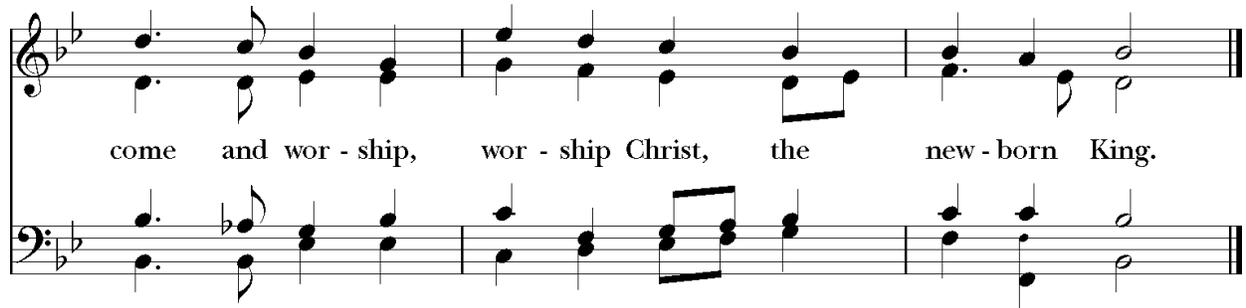
all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
 ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

*Refrain*



Ways to Give



## Children's Message

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

## Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

***O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*All sit.*

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the

LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                        ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 84:1-8**

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- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
***My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.***
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest  
where she may lay her young; \*  
***by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my  
God.***
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
***they will always be praising you.***
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
***whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.***
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of  
springs, \*  
***for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.***

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
***and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.***

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
***hearken, O God of Jacob.***

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
***and look upon the face of your Anointed.***

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

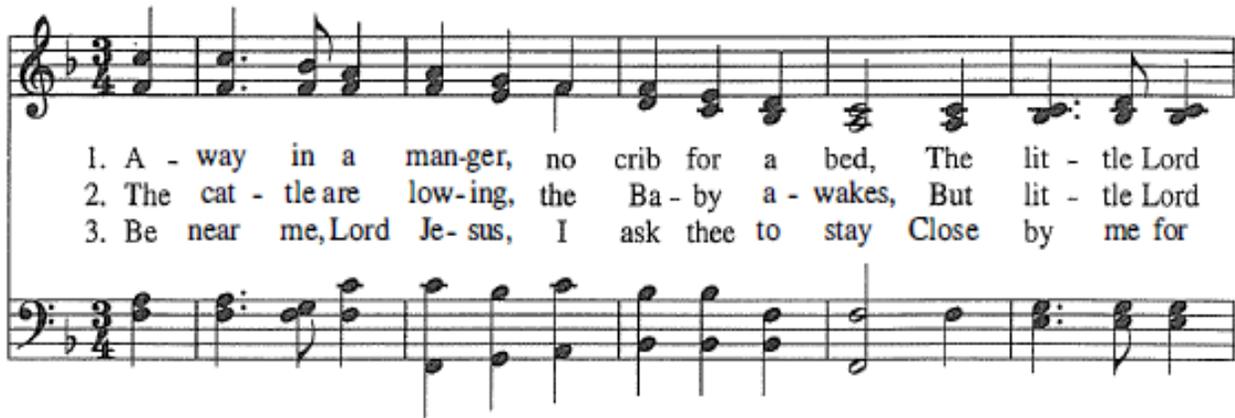
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                        ***Thanks be to God.***

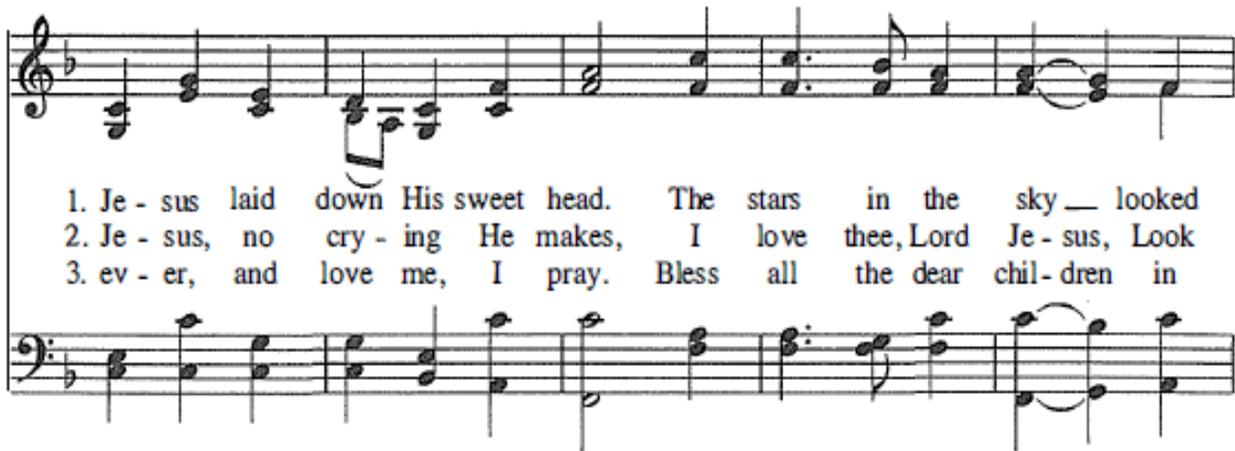
*All stand.*

*Away in a Manger*

LEVAS 27



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low-ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close by me for



1. Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky — looked  
2. Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes, I love thee, Lord Je - sus, Look  
3. ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



1. down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
2. down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
3. thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Words: Anonymous

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## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*All stand.*

***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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.***

## **Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         ***And also with you.***

## **Holy Communion**

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*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 him thanks and praise.***

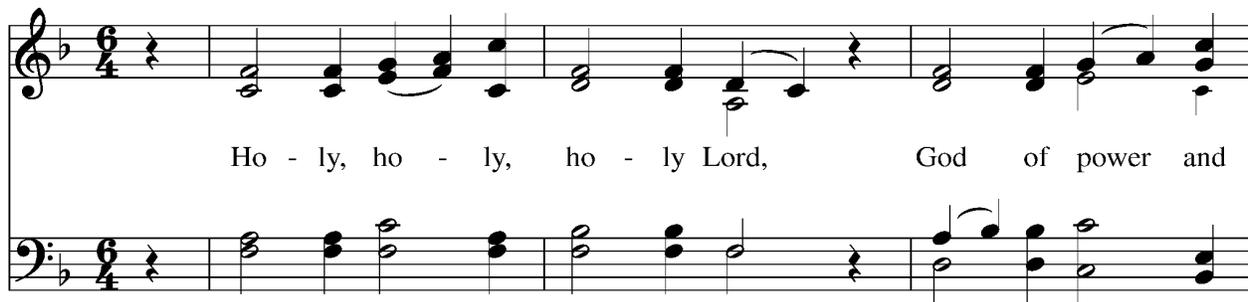
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord [Sanctus]*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, BCP p.363

*Celebrant and People*

***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 forever. Amen.***

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive both the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. Those who are not baptized or who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward and cross their arms to receive a blessing. Those desiring a gluten-free wafer may request one from the priest when they come forward to receive communion.*

Let us pray.

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*Celebrant and People*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**Blessing**

What star is this, with beams so bright

Hymn 124

*Unison or harmony*

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

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Dismissal



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### **Prayer Square**

***Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers:***

Jackie Allen, Pastor Scott Beebe, Jordi Blakslee, Guy Bulen,  
Emmitt Burnett, Rob Driver, Peggy Edwards, Bob & Linda Egan,  
Wendy Erb, Elizabeth Erb, Roger Fonda, Linda Galvin, Wright George,  
Wes Horner, The Jones Family, Diane Peterson, JB & Meredith Richardson,  
Howard & the Prossnitz family, Stephen Vastagh, Katharine Weaver,  
Georgie Zinda