

THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2017

*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given!
O come, let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 85 & 113 | Genesis 17:1-13 | Romans 2:17-end

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 8:	<i>page 337</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collects and Lesson:	<i>page 115</i>
Gradual: Christmas Anthems	<i>page 104</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 116</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>

9:45 a.m. – Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ Processional Hymn:	81 (Regent Square 628)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collects and Lesson:	<i>page 115</i>
Gradual Hymn:	747 (Iris)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 103</i>
♪ Gospel Acclamation (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>

The Homily

♪ **Offertory Hymn:** **357** (King's Weston)

The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in thy mercy;

C: **Hear our prayer**

The Consecration: *page 82*

Post-Communion Prayer: *page 85*

♪ **Recessional Hymn:** **319** (Noel)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall following the
10:30 Celebration for **Coffee and Conversation.***

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From the Rector _____

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We are just over the half way point through the twelve days of Christmas, so I hope that you are still enjoying the opportunity to celebrate the gift of God Incarnate in the infant Christ.

But time will not stand still, and like the Apostles on the mountain of the Transfiguration, we will eventually have to go back down the hill to what we often count as 'real' life. We cannot celebrate always; but renewed by the vision of the new-born Christ, we are challenged to start a new year committed to being the Body of Christ in the lives of all those whom we encounter.

To that end, the Church makes a transition at the end of this week from the Season of Christmas into the Season of Epiphany; and, in the process, the Church invites us to embark on a longer pilgrimage that will lead us to the Cross.

Matthew's account of the visit of the Magi is just the first of a series of stories that will teach us once again who this Baby whose birth we have been celebrating over the past seven days truly is. Each week our Gospel accounts will take us further into the mystery of the Word made Flesh as we see His divinity and wisdom and power manifested: first to the wise men, then to the witnesses at His Baptism, to the teachers of the Law in the Temple, to the servants at the wedding feast in Cana, to a leper and a centurion in Capernaum, and to His disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

And as we hear these stories once again we will be invited to think of the power that Jesus has to transform and renew our own lives: the power to take the ordinary water of everyday life and change it into the good wine of joy and peace and hope; the power that He has to calm the storms and winds that from time to time threaten to overwhelm us.

The Season of Epiphany challenges us to live out a mature faith; to grow spiritually even as we see this Baby grow from infancy to adolescence to adulthood; which, of course, is why the colour of Epiphany shares the *greenness*

of the Season of Trinity. And in doing so, Epiphany reminds us that our relationship with Christ should never be static: we ought never to assume that we're where we need to be. The journey still lies before us and the start of the Season of Epiphany will be our invitation to rise from the comforts of our Christmas celebrations to get back on the road that will lead us, as it led Christ, to the dark sorrow of a hill outside the walls of Jerusalem and the bright joy of an empty tomb in a garden.



Parish Notices and Updates _____

Memorial Prayer Books: we have a small number of pew editions of the Book of Common Prayer available as memorial gifts. If you would like to place one or more in memory of a loved one, please speak to the Rector. The cost for each prayer book is \$20.

Please plan to join us next Sunday, January 8th at 10:30 a.m. for our 4th Annual *Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas* as the Season of Christmas draws to a conclusion and we enter into the Season of Epiphany. This year we plan to combine our Service with the Holy Eucharist. We hope you can be with us as we bring our celebration of the Season to a delightful close.

Please join us next Sunday, January 8th, following the 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist for our monthly *Shared Meal*. Members of both congregations are warmly encouraged to gather with their sisters and brothers in Christ as we share the peace and joy which are have in Jesus Christ.

St. Mary's weekly Bible Study "Faithful and True: a Look at the Women in Holy Scripture," is on its Christmas break. Be sure to gather with us when resume on January 13th.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JANUARY 4: CHRISTMAS FERIA

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 7: THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

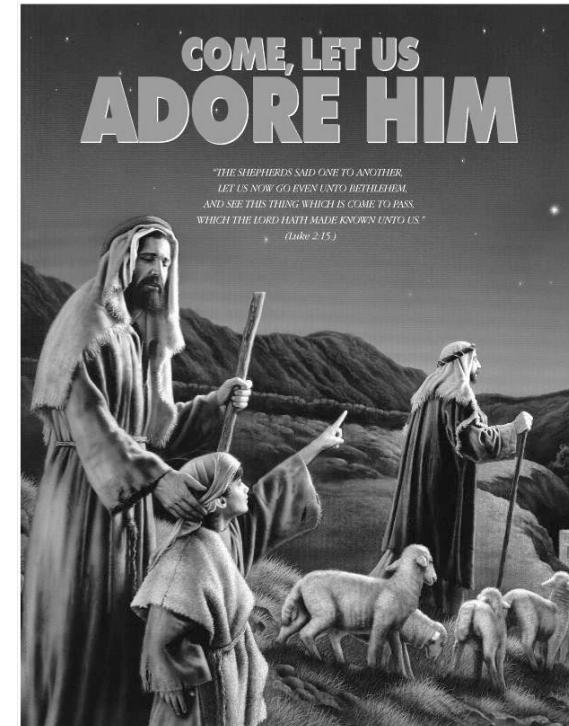
JANUARY 8: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – *A Festival of Lessons and Carols* with the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

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The frightened shepherds became God's messengers. They organize, make haste, find others, and speak with them. Do we not all want to become shepherds and catch sight of the angel? I think so. Without the perspective of the poor, we see nothing, not even an angel. When we approach the poor, our values and goals change. The child appears in many other children. Mary also seeks sanctuary among us. Because the angels sing, the shepherds rise, leave their fears behind, and set out for Bethlehem, wherever it is situated these days.

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Priest and Rector

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