



EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 4, 2026

WELCOME TO RESURRECTION!

We're glad you're here! At Church of the Resurrection (Rez), we believe that you can be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus. Through this encounter, many people have received healing, become part of a community, and learned to serve others. Our vision is to invite everyone into this kind of transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church, whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or grew up attending church.

If you are visiting us for the first time or watching on livestream, we are so excited to have you with us. We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Woodley".

Fr. Matt Woodley
Interim Cathedral Dean
churchrez.org



Anglican Diocese
of the **Upper Midwest**

As the cathedral church, Resurrection is the headquarters for our regional family of churches, the Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest, as well as the home of Bishop Stewart Ruch. The mission of our Diocese is to plant a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit.

We are also a member of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).



Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III
Diocese of the Upper Midwest
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CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

VISITING?

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CHILDREN

Children's ministry is available for infants through 5th grade. RezKids Midweek for grades 1 to 5 will return on Wednesday evenings. Dates TBD.

YOUTH

RezYouth, for middle and high school students, resumes on January 21. It meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8/8:30pm. Visit churchrez.org/youth to learn more.

ADULTS

Rooted in Scripture, our adult Bible study, is on break and will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 7-8pm, in the Sanctuary.

QUESTIONS?

- For general questions:
office@churchrez.org
- Set up a meeting with a pastor:
meghanrobins@churchrez.org
- Contact non-staff vestry (church board):
rezvestrymembers@gmail.com

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am & 10:30am



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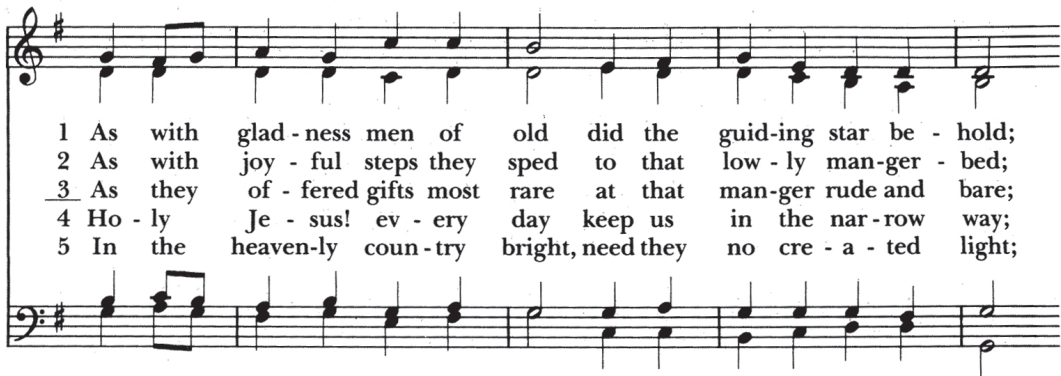
THE WORD OF GOD

*In the first half of the service, we encounter God
by hearing and responding to his truth in the Bible.*

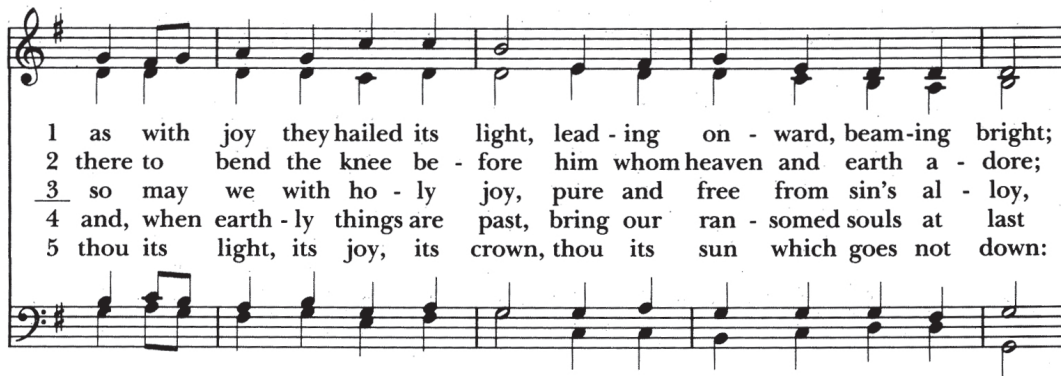
The Processional Hymn

Please stand.

As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav-en-ly coun-try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly King.
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).

Music: DIX, mel. Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal* (1906).

The Acclamation

CELEBRANT: *I will make you as a light for the nations,*

PEOPLE: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

The Collect for Purity

CELEBRANT: *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.*

ALL: Amen.

The Summary of the Law

CELEBRANT: *Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:37–40).

The Kyrie

CELEBRANT: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

PEOPLE: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

CELEBRANT: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Songs of Worship

The Gloria may be sung.

The Collect of the Day

A brief prayer on the theme of the day.

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

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.

ALL: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated for the readings from the Bible.

READER: *A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Isaiah 60:1–9 (ESV)

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 72 (BCP 2019)

- 1 Give the King your judgments, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's son.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people with righteousness *
and defend the poor with justice.
- 3 The mountains also shall bring peace, *
and the little hills righteousness to the people.
- 4 He shall vindicate the poor among the people, *
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.
- 5 They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, *
even as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish, *
even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures.
- 8 His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, *
and from the river unto the world's end.
- 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; *
his enemies shall lick the dust.

- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; *
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.
- ¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him; *
all nations shall do him service.
- ¹² For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, *
the needy also, and the one that has no helper.
- ¹³ He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, *
and shall preserve the lives of the poor.
- ¹⁴ He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- ¹⁵ Long may he live!
And unto him shall be given the gold of Arabia; *
prayer shall ever be made unto him,
and daily shall he be blessed.
- ¹⁶ There shall be an abundance of grain on the earth,
thick upon the hilltops; *
its fruit shall flourish like Lebanon,
its grain like the grass upon the earth.
- ¹⁷ His Name shall endure for ever;
his Name shall remain as long as the sun. *
All the nations shall be blessed through him
and shall call him blessed.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD GOD, even the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous things;
- ¹⁹ And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever; *
and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty.
Amen, Amen.

Alleluia

Please stand.

READER: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*

PEOPLE: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 2:1–12 (ESV)

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Alleluia

The Sermon

I Will Beautify My Beautiful House

—Fr. Brett Crull, Cathedral Vicar

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The Nicene Creed

*Please stand for the Creed and
the Prayers of the People.*

CELEBRANT: *Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

ALL: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,
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

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy:*

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Global Partner Spotlight: Fr. Gregory & Heidi Whitaker

Each week, we pray for one of our global partners. Use this bio as a reminder to pray for them today and throughout the week. Due to safety concerns, we are often limited in how much we can share about the location and nature of this ministry.



Fr. Gregory and Dr. Heidi Whitaker live in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Fr. Gregory is rector of the Church of Christ Our Peace in the Anglican Diocese of Singapore. Dr. Heidi is a pediatrician and assists Cambodian physicians, and she also helps train future medical doctors. They have five children.

The Confession of Sin

DEACON: *Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.*

Please be seated or kneel. There will be a time of silence.

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.

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and
with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver
you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Comfortable Words

CELEBRANT: *Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

The Peace

CELEBRANT: *The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

Please use this time to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

Parents of nursery through kindergarten, please pick up your children from their classrooms before the announcements. Parents of grades 1-5, please stay in your seats. After the announcements, shepherds will bring children to the sanctuary center chute. Children will then find you.

The Offertory

GIVING SUMMARY:

Year to Date Income

July 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025

Actual	Budget	Difference
\$930,610	\$951,364	(\$20,754)

Current Month Outlook as of Dec 22

December Goal	December Giving	Difference
\$385,246	\$162,107	(\$223,139)

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

*In the second part of the service,
we encounter God at his table.*

The Doxology

Please stand.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

CELEBRANT: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

"Holy, Holy, Holy," by Richard Leonard, © 1997 Laudemont Ministries.

CELEBRANT: . . . *Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

ALL: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT: . . . *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 for ever.*

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. 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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

Please be seated. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are committed to following Jesus are welcome to receive Communion. Ushers will release you row by row. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the silver trays. Please dispose of used cups in the buckets available on tables in your section.

Songs of Worship

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning



- 1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
 * 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



- 1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

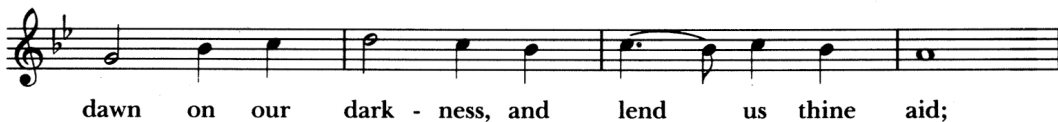


- 1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



- 1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Refrain



Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Music: STAR IN THE EAST, from *The Southern Harmony* (1835).

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Please stand.

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work
you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

CELEBRANT: *Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.*

ALL: Amen.

The Dismissal

DEACON: *Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



RezNews

What's next at Resurrection

New? Come to First Step | Sundays, Jan 18 & 25, 10:30am, Upstairs Offices

A two-part intro to connect with leaders, learn about our story and values, and meet other new folks.

Find Community in a RezGroup | Sign-ups Open Jan 4-18 | churchrez.org/rezgroups

Join a community of 8-12 people who meet regularly for prayer, Bible study and fellowship.

Night of Worship and Prayer | Friday, Jan 23, 7pm | Sanctuary**Confirmation Class | Sundays, 4-5:30pm, Starting Jan 25 | Sign up by Jan 18**

Explore membership, learn about Anglicanism, get baptized or renew baptismal vows.

Congregational Meeting – Provincial Court Decision | Sunday, Jan 18, 3-5pm

Gather with us to learn more about the Court's "Not Guilty" verdict. Submit questions online ahead of time for consideration.

Alpha | Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm, Starts Jan 22 | churchrez.org/whatisalpha

The 10-week course where you can ask questions about life, God... anything! Includes a meal, a video, and discussion. Questions? Email nephtalimatta@churchrez.org

RezKids Midweek | Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, Start Date TBD | More Volunteers Needed!

Students, grades 1 to 5, can discover God, develop friendships, and grow in their gifts. More volunteers needed! Contact Angela Vahle at angelavahle@churchrez.org.

RezArts Festival | Submissions Now Accepted | churchrez.org/rezartsfestival

Deadline: Jan 17. Create for the theme: "The Art of Work: Our daily labors made holy."

Intercessory Prayer for the Church & the World | Mondays, 7:30am & Sat, Jan 3, 8pm

All Saints Prayer Chapel

NOTES

Rector Search Updates | churchrez.org/rectorsearch**Diocese Ecclesiastical Trial Updates**

On Dec 16, the Court pronounced Bishop Stewart "NOT GUILTY" on all charges.

Find more details at churchrez.org/signup