

Jazz Vespers Online

from The Gayton Kirk

January 4, 2026

5:00 pm



“Jan Brueghel the Elder - The Adoration of the Kings [1598]”

Cathering Music

The Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio
Joe Sarver, Bruce Sullivan, Ross Riddell

Words of Welcome

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

Music

Call to Worship

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Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

We come, drawn by a light we do not fully understand, but trust enough to follow.

Wise ones from afar followed a star, not knowing exactly where it would lead.

We, too, come seeking, hopeful, curious, open to God's surprise.

Come, let us worship the God who reveals Christ to all people, everywhere.

We come to worship, to listen, and to follow.

Tonight's Theme

*As we move into Epiphany, I invite you to wonder, what God might reveal
through the Star Word you're carrying this year.*

Music

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Scripture

Sally Wambold

Matthew 2: 1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ '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.' ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Art

Please see front cover

Larry Bedford

Rev. Walter Canter, his Substack newsletter, “Walter Writes Words”

In January, when your resolutions become forgotten promises,
may you be blessed with a voice saying, “I like you just the way you are.”
In February, when your nose chafes and your lips crack,
may you be blessed with cooling balms and steaming beverages.
In March, when your bracket inevitably underperforms expectations,
may you be blessed with blossoms and the shoots of green leaves.
In April, when mud tracks across your entryway and your garden grows roots,
may you be blessed with patience, humility and grace.
In May, when teachers proclaim endings and the sun proclaims beginnings,
may you be blessed with the eternal possibility of “between.”
In June, when the water is too cold and the cement is too hot,
may you be blessed with joyful shouts and splashes.
In July, when time warps in a way that is impossibly both treeline-blurring and puddle-stagnant,
may you be blessed with a fresh breath to fill your lungs.
In August, when sweat trickles rivers across your porous skin,
may you be blessed with evaporation.
In September, when your cursor blinks uselessly against your to-do list,
may you be blessed with pleasant daydreams.
In October, when you begin to gripe about your neighbor’s Christmas decorations,
may you be blessed with an angel who reminds you that the lights are a symbol of hope in the darkness.
In November, when you celebrate saints,
may you be blessed by their memory.
In December, when the wax runs from candle wicks in stalactite tears,
may you be blessed with heavenly peace.
In the year to come, when life provides moments of unparalleled joy, unprecedented sorrow, or inexplicable happenstance, may you be blessed in remembering that you are a beloved child of God.

Music

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Holy Communion

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and gracious God, we give you thanks for your light revealed to the world. You guided seekers by a star, called disciples to follow, and in Jesus Christ made your love known beyond all boundaries. In him, the mystery of your grace is revealed, that all are welcome, all are beloved, and all are invited into your unfolding purpose.

Therefore, with shepherds and angels, with Magi and saints, with all who seek your light, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975 arr: Koiné

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some rests. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

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Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na! —

Ho-san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho-san - na! —

Ho-san - na! — Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

— Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! —

Pastor continues in prayer

Hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION IS SHARED

You are invited to come forward to receive a piece of gluten-free bread and a cup of juice. We are invited to drink the cup together after all are served.

Prayer After Communion

Music

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Closing Prayer and Benediction

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Offering

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