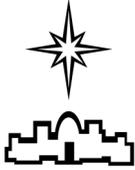


THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (OBSERVED) - JANUARY 9, 2022



The Light of the World has come as promised, casting out darkness and sin. God has revealed his salvation through the birth of his one and only son, Jesus. The prophets spoke of him long ago, assuring God's people that the glory of the Lord would shine upon them. For those who have waited in despair, the thrill of His radiance will fill their hearts. This message is for all to hear — wise and foolish alike.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN

LBW: Divine Service One

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9) *(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN — "WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE" *(Sung)*

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to they perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to they perfect light!**

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to they perfect light!**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to they perfect light!**

**Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to they perfect light!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (*Spoken*)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14) **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE (*Sung*)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung*)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken*)

P: Lord God, you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star.

C: Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory; through, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING - ISAIAH 60:1-6 (*Sit; Pew Bible, p. 736*)

SECOND READING - EPHESIANS 3:1-12 (*Pew Bible, p. 1160*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL VERSE (*Stand, Sung*)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - MATTHEW 2:1-12 (*Sung; Pew Bible, p. 960*)

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 2. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE (*Sit*)

HYMN — "BE THOU MY VISION" (*Stand, Sung*)

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

APOSTLES' CREED *(Spoken)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

OFFERTORY *(Sung)*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and or possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS *(Sung)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

AGNUS DEI *(Sung)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT *(Sit)*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *(Stand, Sung)*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

BENEDICTION *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace. C: Amen

HYMN "SHINE, JESUS SHINE" (*Sung*)

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy; Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, the light of your live is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain***

DISMISSAL (*Spoken*)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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