
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD—OBSERVED – JAN 10, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL

CONFESSION AND 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...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 upon 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 of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

ENTRANCE HYMN: "AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD" - LBW #82 (*Sung*)

**As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore; So may we with willing feet Ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare At thy cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

**Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way; And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light; Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down; There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (*Spoken*)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. **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*)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken*)

Lord God, you revealed your Son ...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING — ISAIAH 60:1-6 SECOND READING — EPHESIANS 3:1-12 (*Lessons printed on insert*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL VERSE (*Stand, Sung*)

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES — MATTHEW 2:1-12 (*Sung*)

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: WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE (*Stand, Sung*)

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. Refrain**

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. Refrain**

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. Refrain**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain**

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. Refrain**

Refrain: **Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

THE NICENE CREED (*Spoken*)

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 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Spoken*)

OFFERTORY (*Stand, Sung; Tune: What Child is This*)

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; Come peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

OFFERING PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Merciful Father, **C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our 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:

SANCTUS (*Sung*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven 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. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT (*Sit*)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*Stand, Sung*)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone 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-2x.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BENEDECTION (*Spoken*)

P: Let the light of your Son ever be with us, O God, and help us to reflect his glory as we conform our lives to his own.
Amen

HYMN: "SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE" - LBW #90 (*Sung, Tune #407*)

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to thee we raise; Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In thy birth at Bethlehem; Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; And at Cana wedding guest In thy God-head manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine; Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul; Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill: Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Present in thy holy Word; Grace to imitate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like thee At thy great epiphany, And may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

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

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First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.