

# THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021 ~ 8:30am

**Welcome to God's house!** Here we meet Jesus, right where He promises to be, in Word and Sacrament. We are so glad you came!

**Physical distancing and face coverings can help limit the spread of coronavirus.** Worshippers are encouraged to sit in the appropriately marked pews for each service and to wear a mask during the service except when receiving the Lord's Supper. We invite you to sing boldly through your mask! Of course, we understand some may be unable to tolerate face coverings for medical reasons. Also, young children should not wear a mask.

**Wait for the usher.** To help maintain physical distancing, the usher will dismiss worshippers starting from the last pew. Please wait to leave until the usher invites you to exit your pew.

**After the services.** As you depart, the pastors will greet you in the narthex. Please proceed either outdoors or past the mailboxes to Bible study classes.

**Check-In.** We would love to know that you joined us for worship today as a member or a guest. Please check-in on our website [www.christoursavior.org/check-in](http://www.christoursavior.org/check-in).

## AS WE GATHER

We consider the mysteries highlighted by the Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men, or Magi, mysteriously show up in Jerusalem, and these strangers are looking for the King of the Jews. The King of the Jews is mysteriously an infant, born to a humble family in Bethlehem, not in Jerusalem. And this King of the Jews mysteriously invites all people from all nations into His kingdom. These mysteries, hidden for the ages, is revealed in Jesus, the Light of the world.

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## Order of Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Matt Fremder*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠ Preparation ✠

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in  
4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when  
own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!  
not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!  
Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-  
In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-  
Your Son has ran-somed us in love To live in Him  
ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!  
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.  
here and a-bove: This is Your great sal-va-tion.  
Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,  
Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us  
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the liv-ing, To us giv-ing  
Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!  
And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.  
Life for-ev-er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev-er!

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## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Arise, shine, for your light has come!
- C** **Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**
- P** All the nations shall come to the light of Christ.
- C** **Kings shall bring Him gifts.**
- P** For Christ reveals the mystery hidden through the ages,
- C** **that all nations are partakers of the promise in Jesus Christ.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Through the Gospel, all people are fellow heirs of salvation and members of the same Body. Yet there have been times when we have failed to live in unity, when we have failed to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ with respect and honor. Our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** **we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have created division and discord. We have hidden the light of Christ from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us with the light of Christ, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, Jesus, into our world to shine as a light for all people, including You. Jesus has died for your sins and is risen for your righteousness. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. We are partakers of the promise. We are forgiven in Christ.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB 395

5. **O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!**

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## THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### INTROIT

*Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17*

- P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
- C** **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**
- P** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
- C** **you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**
- P** Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
- C** **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
- C** **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *(The nations shall come to Your light.)*

Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift 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. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>A 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM***"Grow, Lovely Rose"*

Gordon Young

*Grow, lovely Rose, grow there for me, Thou art my true, my saving Tree, sprung in the winter, mid winter's snow, blooming forever here below. Grow, lovely Rose, in Thee I see all men's salvation, flowing free; Hope of the helpless, friend of the weak, Thee, O my Savior, help me to seek. Now we poor men, from sin set free, praise Thee forever, O may we be ever more loving, gentle and kind, ever more gentle, loving and kind.*

*Text © 1980 Harold Flammer Music***EPISTLE***(The mystery hidden for ages)*

Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which 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. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of 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. <sup>8</sup>To 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, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL***(The Magi visit Jesus.)*

Matthew 2:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "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." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by

the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"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." <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And 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." <sup>9</sup>After 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## SERMON HYMN

### "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

LSB 400



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 not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

## SERMON

### "People Who Don't Belong"

Matthew 2:1-12

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray. . .

*Following each prayer petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**C** **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

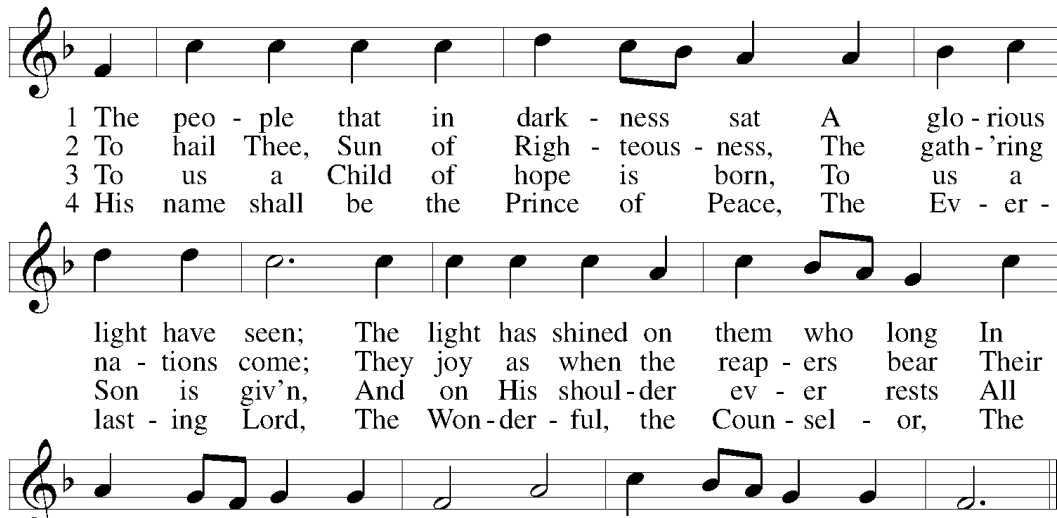
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

"The People That in Darkness Sat"

*LSB 412*



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

**5. His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.**

△ **6. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **POSTLUDE**



## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Preaching: Pastor Davenport  
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Lector: Bruce Baxter  
Greeters: Mark and Mary Wludyka  
Ushers: Team 1; Jim Robbins, Captain