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10:00 a.m.

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“Forward in Faith and Mission”

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10 a.m.

January 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him” (Psalm 34:8).



God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

CALVARY CONNECTION: Please register your presence at worship using the clip boards located at the center aisle end of each pew. If we already have your current address, phone, email, etc., then, just enter your name, communion and or Pastoral call check-offs. Thank you.

† Means please stand.

PRELUDE "Pastorale Symphony"

G.F. Handel Violin & Organ

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" #400 st.1-4



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,



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.



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;



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.

OPENING SENTENCES

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

C: We have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him.

†THE INVOCATION/CALLING

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

† THE CONFESSION/ADMISSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

† THE FORGIVENESS/PARDON

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Let Our Gladness Have No End” #381

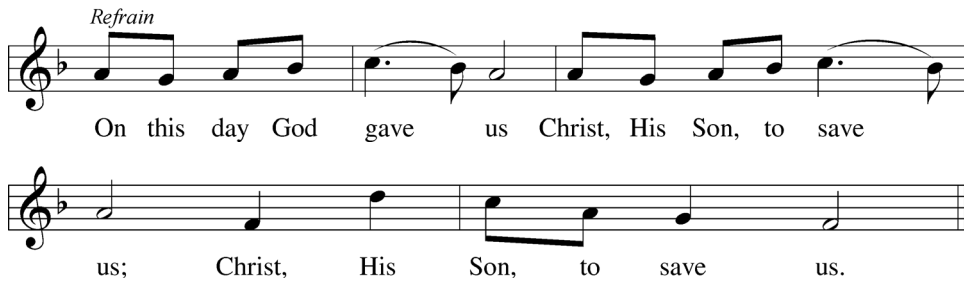


1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!
2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!
3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!
God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!
From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!
He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save
us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

THE PSALM 72:1-14 (read responsively)

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the royal son!

**² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!**

³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

**⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**

⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**

⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!

**¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!**

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

**¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.**

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

**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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

**O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the
Gentiles. Fill us with Your glory, and show Yourself to all the world through Him
who is the true light and bright morning star. Lead us, who know You by faith, to
enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

(People will come to Jerusalem for the light of God's presence is there.)

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

² 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.

³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ 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.

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

(The mystery and richness of Christ is made known to Jews and Gentiles alike.)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia!

✠THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

(The visit of the Magi to the young Jesus.)

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, ² 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.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They 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.”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY “As With Gladness Men of Old” #397



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Rev. Kevin Barron

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED/PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

THE GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)

† THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER/ BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE

† THE INVITATION

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you.

THE HYMN *"See Amid the Winter's Snow"* #373 st. 1, 4



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Violin & Organ

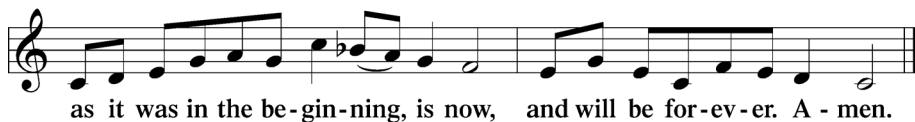
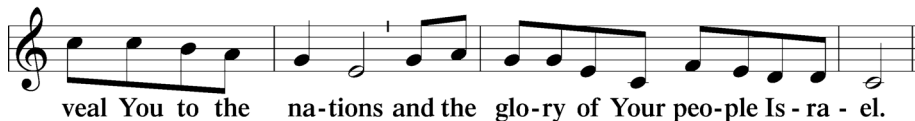
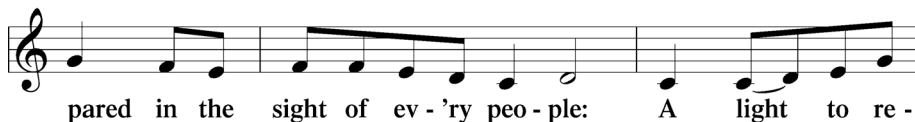
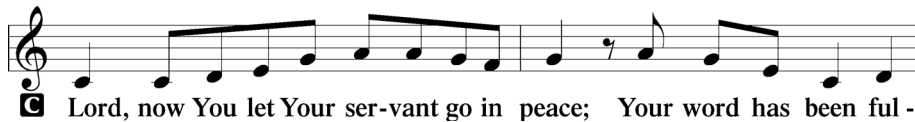
“The Three Kings”

“To a Virgin Meek and Mild”

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Nunc Dimittis”



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory” #367 st.1- 3



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



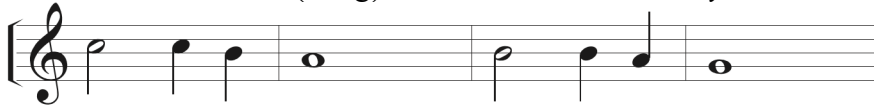
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

THE SENDING


P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: THE RESPONSE (Sung) “Thanks be to God, Glory to God”

P. Weber




Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!
Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God!



Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!
Glo - ry to God in the high - est!



Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!
Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God!



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POSTLUDE

“March of the Wise Men”

H. Gaul

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	Mike Bell
Organist:	Barbara Sommer
Violinist:	Manfred Reek
Cantor:	John Robinson
Reader:	David Sitter
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