

*Epiphany of Our Lord  
January 3, 2021*



PRELUDE: *Gifts for the Child (What Shall I Give the Child in the Manger)  
Of the Father's Love Begotten*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All And also with you**
- L We gather:
- All a community of faith in God's subversive world.**
- L We gather to celebrate
- All that no darkness can extinguish light,**
- L to remember
- All that love will always be more powerful than death,**
- L and to trust that
- All peace will always be stronger than violence.**
- L We gather,
- All people of faith in the light of God's world.**
- L Welcome to worship.



Carry with you  
the Light of  
Christ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- L Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who was in the beginning,  
who makes a dwelling among us,  
who covers us with justice and mercy.
- All Amen.**
- L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*
- L God of goodness and lovingkindness,
- All we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.**

**We have turned away from your invitation to new life.  
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.  
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,  
those we know and those known only to you,  
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

L Hear the good news of peace and salvation!  
God forgives us all our sins,  
not through our own work,  
but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.  
With all who come to the manger,  
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

**All Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L O God,

**All on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star.  
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.**

#### RESPONSIVE READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6 *Leader and ALL*

L Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**All and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

L For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

**All but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.**

L Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**All Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;**

L your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

**All Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,**

L because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**All A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.**

L They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**All Arise, shine; for your light has come.**

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>‘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.’”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

MESSAGE: Pastor Julie Rogness

MUSIC Tom Ersland - *What Child Is This*

*<sup>1</sup> What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!*

<sup>2</sup> *Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!*

<sup>3</sup> *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!*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## SHARING OF PEACE – OFFERING OF GIFTS

## PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

L May the path that Christ walks –  
to bring justice upon the earth,

**All to bring light to those  
who sit in darkness,**

L to bring out those who live in bondage,

**All to bring new things to all creation –  
may this path run through our life.**

**May we be the road Christ takes. Amen.**

L Go in Peace. Share the Gift of Jesus.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE: *We Three Kings*

## **PARTICIPANTS**

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## **CALENDAR**

**Sun/Jan 3** **Live-Streamed Worship** ~2nd Sun after Christmas/Epiphany

**Tue/Jan 5** **Worship Committee**

Wed/Jan 6 *Calendar Date of Epiphany*

**Sun/Jan 10** **Live-Streamed Worship** ~1st Sun after Epiphany/Baptism of Jesus

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## **"Christ In Our Home" DEVOTION BOOKS Are Available**

Pick one up at your convenience without entering the church. Find them in the closed tote container **Outside** the Handicapped Entrance. Please snap lid closed after taking a devotional.



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*Sunday, January 3rd*  
*Worship Bulletin*



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