



# January 2, 2022

## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD, YR C

*RINGING OF BELL*

PRELUDE *MORNING STAR, We Three Kings, In the Bleak Midwinter*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who sends the word with angels,  
who is made flesh among all peoples,  
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**C: Amen.**

P: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:  
God has come among us  
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.  
† In Christ your sins are forgiven  
and you are clothed in peace.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN *In the Bleak Midwinter*  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

vss. 1,2,3 ELW #294

1 **In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

2 **Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.**

3 **What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

**Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6 *Please read responsively*

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

**C: For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;**

L: but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

**C: Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

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

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

L: Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

**C: because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

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

**C: They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 2:1-12

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

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

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

HYMN *What Child Is This?*

vss. 1 & 3 ELW #296

PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **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!**
- 3 **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!**

#### APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

#### PRAYERS

## SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

## OFFERING OF GIFTS – OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious God,

**C: your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER – COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Music played during Distribution*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* vss. 1 & 2 ELW #815  
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1 **I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. REFRAIN**

*REFRAIN* **In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2 **I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. REFRAIN**

*RINGING OF BELL*

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *He Came Down*

## PARTICIPANTS

**PASTOR:** Julie L. Rogness   **ASSISTANT:** Steve Johnson   **MUSIC:** Annette Thunhorst. Keyboard/Piano  
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## CHRISTMAS CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun JAN 2	9 am	Worship: In-Person & Live-Streamed NO Sunday School today
Wed JAN 5	6 pm	Wed Worship
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
Sun JAN 9	9 am	Worship: In-Person & Live-Streamed
	10 am	Sunday School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Plants** Want to go home with you this week. Thank you for sharing them.
- **Annual Report Submissions** Are due by JAN. 14.
- **Annual Meeting Date** is Sunday Jan. 30 - Following worship.

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