



Epiphany of Our Lord

January 3, 2021

Gathering

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten – Richard Lind

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The presiding minister shares announcements from the Trinity community.

GATHERING SONG *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (ELW 308)*

At-home worshippers are invited to sing.



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

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.**

Word

READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

The assisting minister reads the lesson.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The presiding minister reads the gospel.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “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.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶‘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.’ ”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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.” ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

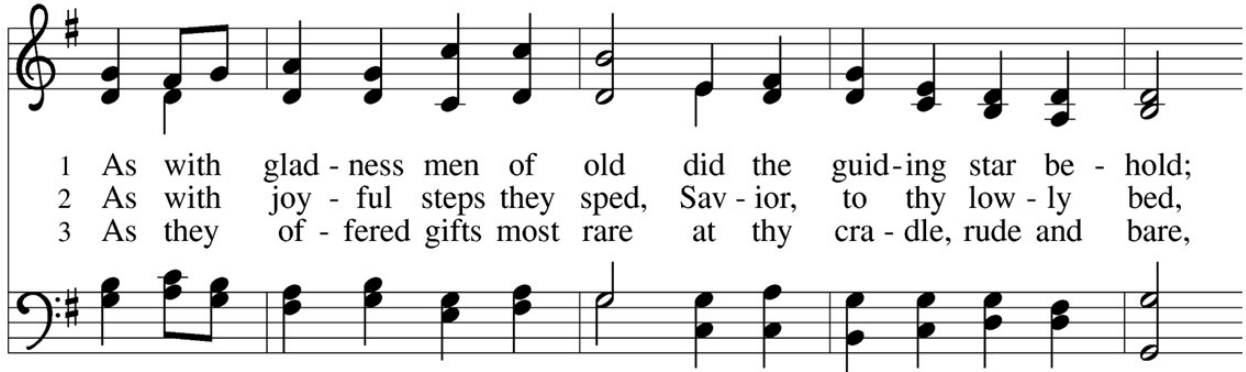
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The presiding minister delivers the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *As With Gladness Men of Old (ELW 302)*

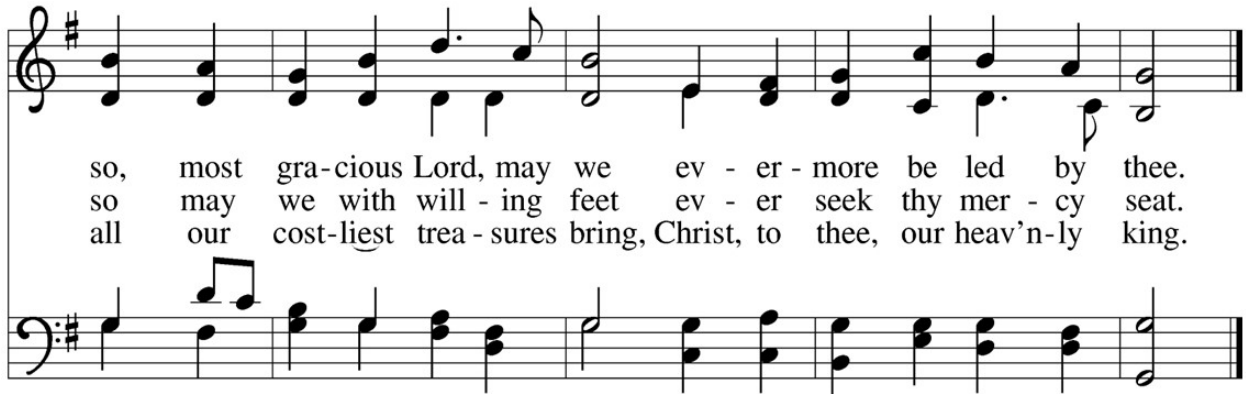
At-home worshippers are invited to sing.



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,



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,



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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Glorious God, fill your church with joy. Let your faithful people live as beacons of your redemption. Give wisdom and courage to your church that it may speak with boldness and confidence, even when words of mercy are met with scorn. With the worldwide ecumenical community, today we pray for the churches of Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Show us your faithfulness in the rising and setting of the sun. Place wonder into the hearts of those who search the skies and explore the heavens. Curb waste and pollution, that all might have clean air to breathe.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring all nations and rulers to the splendor of your dawn. Raise up advocates who champion the cause of exploited and vulnerable people. Inspire leaders to be generous with abundance, that all people might live in stability and freedom.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come quickly with your healing power to all who seek love, support, and restoration. Dispel fears and shadows. Restore broken relationships and mend broken hearts. Bring relief to those who are sick or struggling. We pray especially for Linda, Paul, Kim, Rita, Art, Arlene, Carl, Ron, Paul, Janice, Pat, and Josiah, and those we name in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send traveling mercies upon all who journey home by other roads. Guard refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers. Protect families fleeing conflict in their homelands or abuse in their homes. Tend to those who have no place to lay their heads.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to the boundless riches of Christ, you draw all your saints, from the least to the greatest, to your heavenly places. As you created all things, make all things new again in the splendor of your glory.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues.

You fill our world with glory and light,
and yet our mortal eyes cannot behold so bright a truth.
Therefore, in time you sent us Jesus Christ,
your truth made flesh.
He lived among us, teaching, healing,
and revealing the boundless riches of your grace,
that everyone might see and know the power of your
love for us.

On the night he ate with his disciples before his death,
the Lord took bread,
and giving thanks and breaking it, he said,
“This is my body, given for you.”

And after supper he took the cup,
and giving thanks, he said,
“This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.”

Remembering the life and work of Christ,
his ministry among the poor and lost,
his death upon the cross of human shame,
and the victory revealed by the empty tomb,
we offer you our lives in thanks and praise,
in unity with Christ our friend and Lord.
Send your Holy Spirit on us here
and on the gifts of bread and wine we share.

Make us, gathered here in love for you,
members of the body of our Lord,
that we may share the promise of the gospel,
one with Christ, and one in ministry to all the world.

Through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

The Word is revealed in a manger, in simple bread and wine.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

At-home worshippers are invited to consume their bread and wine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us from your very self
with the body and blood of Christ.

Through this mystery, send us forth
to proclaim your promise to a world in need,
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God,
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,
proclaimed joy through the angels,
sent the shepherds with good news,
and led the magi by a star,
bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings of Orient Are – Christopher Uehlein

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