

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Prelude

Welcome

GATHERING

Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

C: Darkness has been banished!

God's light of hope floods the earth

C: God's light comes to us all.

Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

C: Prepare our hearts to receive this Light.

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*The prophet speaks of the coming light of God
which calls all the people of the earth to come together
in God's realm of shalom.*

*Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected
God's vision of wholeness.*

**God of light and darkness,
we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us,
but we have turned away and followed other paths.
We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart,
with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, Holy One.
Strengthen our faltering steps
and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.**

Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives.

The light of God shines through the darkness.

Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst.

GATHERING SONG

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings

ALL:

**God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy**

Worship team only:

*From God our heavenly Father
This blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy
O, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light
Born a king on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign*

ALL:

**O, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light
Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Worshipping God most high
O, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light**

Worship team only:

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay*

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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, 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.

C: Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift 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. Then 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. 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *How Good Lord, to be Here (vs. 1 & 3)*

1 How good, Lord, to be here!
 Your glory fills the night;
 your face and garments, like the sun,
 shine with unborrowed light.

3 Fulfiller of the past
 and hope of things to be,
 we hail your body glorified
 and our redemption see.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.” 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And 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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kim Suhr

STAR WORD LITURGY

We are seekers—just like the Magi.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

We are looking for hope, peace, joy, love and so much more that Christ brings.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

We long for the abundant life God promises.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

May this star word be one of encouragement.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

May this word guide our intentions in the days to come.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

May we pay attention to where God is present.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

May God use these words to show us how to live and love in the world.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Brightest and Best of the Stars

ELW 303 v. 1-4

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.

 Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
 guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 angels adore him in slumber reclining,
 maker and monarch and savior of all.

3 What shall we give him, in costly devotion?
 Shall we bring incense and off'rings divine,
 gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
 myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
 vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
 richer by far is the heart's adoration,
 dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 104

ALL:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER *(inspired by Matthew 2:1-12)*

"...they offered him gifts..." (Matthew 2:11)

Loving God,

We offer you our gold:

The morning on the wing

The glow on the faces of children at play

The shining moments that brighten our lives.

We offer you our frankincense:

The quiet reassurance of familiar things

The grace of care and friendship

The blessing of bread and our heart's yearning in prayer.

We offer you our myrrh:

The ashes of our dreams

The bitter taste of our failures

The shadows through which we stumble.

Transform our inadequate gifts,

*that they may be an acceptable sacrifice of praise,
and transform our lives
to reflect more deeply your justice and joy
In the life of the world.
Amen*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Blessing

*Go now as a light to the nations.
Honor the Lord;
preach what you know of the risen Christ,
and fulfil all righteousness.
And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;
May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you;
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you
and affirm you as God's beloved ones. **Amen***

SENDING SONG

Shine Jesus Shine

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine

Fill this land

With the Father's glory

Blaze Spirit blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow river flow

Flood the nations

With grace and mercy

Send forth Your word Lord

And let there be light

1. Lord the light of Your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness shining

Jesus Light of the world shine upon us

Set us free by the truth You now bring us

Shine on me shine on me

2. Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my
darkness
Shine on me shine on me

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your
story
Shine on me shine on me

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*WE GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD,
IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. AMEN*

POSTLUDE

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