



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

*Second Sunday after Christmas*  
January 3, 2021



## As with Gladness

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the

star be - hold; as with joy they hailed its light,  
 man - ger bed, there to bend the knee be - fore  
 rude and bare, so may we with ho - ly joy,  
 nar - row way; and when earth - ly things are past,

lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, so, most gra - cious  
 him whom heaven and earth a - dore, so, may we with  
 pure and free from sin's al - loy, all our cost - liest  
 bring our ran - somed souls at last where they need no

Lord, may we ev - er - more your splen - dor see,  
 will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.  
 treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heaven - ly King.  
 star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Gracious God, we know that your will is for good and that you have given us the freedom and ability to choose to live in the light of your law and love. Epiphany reminds us that in Christ a new light has come into the world. Day by day we have opportunity to reflect that light by what we think and say and do. Give us enthusiasm and energy for sharing the good news of Christ within our families and with our friends, in our places of learning and employment and recreation. Help us to be agents of positive change as we shine the light of Christ into places and situations of need.**

**O God, by the leading of a star your only Son was made known to us. And yet we confess that we have preferred darkness to light, our own plans and purposes to your guidance and direction, our own pride and will to your power and glory.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and grant us wisdom to behold the radiance that shines upon us and grace to walk in the light of your love. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**P: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of God has risen upon you and will be seen through you. Be radiant in your praise and service. Rejoice in the gift of God's grace; with confidence to your faith in Jesus Christ. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!**

**M: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!**

## Scripture

From the Major Prophets: Isaiah 60:1-3

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

## Anthem

*“The Journey”*

*(Lloyd Larson)*

Where is He, O where is He? His star blazes in the night;  
as we trace the changing skies, He is hiding from our sight.  
Can you tell us where He lies? We would worship Him tonight,  
We will Journey til we find, and our search is turned to sight.

Your guiding light shows us the way; we see your morning star ascend! To you  
dear Christ, all searches come,  
In you our Journey finds its end.

The star beams its golden ray over sleepy Bethlehem,  
where with joy we find the Child, and with gifts we  
Worship Him.

While we thought we came to you in a little starlit place,  
It was You who came to us, Christ the glory of God’s face.

## Scripture

From the Letters of Paul: Ephesians 3:1-12

**3** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for<sup>[a]</sup> Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery<sup>[b]</sup> was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see<sup>[c]</sup> what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in<sup>[d]</sup> God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.<sup>[e]</sup>

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **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.**

### **Offertory Invitation**

God brings among us the blind and lame, the battered child, the mourning widow. God summons us to give ourselves and our wealth to those who have no bread or pure water or shelter from the cold. God calls us to dry one another's tears, to be healers and peacemakers. Join in thanksgiving for the privilege of sharing what God has so richly entrusted to us.

### **Offertory**

**"Star Carol"**

*(John Rutter)*

Sing this night for a boy is born in Bethlehem  
Christ our lord in a lowly manger lies  
Bring your gifts come and see him at his cradle  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary

See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night  
Follow me joyfully  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary

Angels bright come from heaven's highest glory  
Bear the news with its message of good cheer  
Sing, rejoice, for a king is come to save us  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary

See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night  
Follow me joyfully  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary

See he lies in his mother's tender keeping  
Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep  
Shepherds poor come to worship and adore him  
Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary

See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night  
Follow me joyfully  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary

Let us all pay our homage at the manger  
Sing his praise on the joyful Christmas night  
Christ is come bringing promise of salvation  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary

See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night  
Follow me joyfully  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary  
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## Scripture

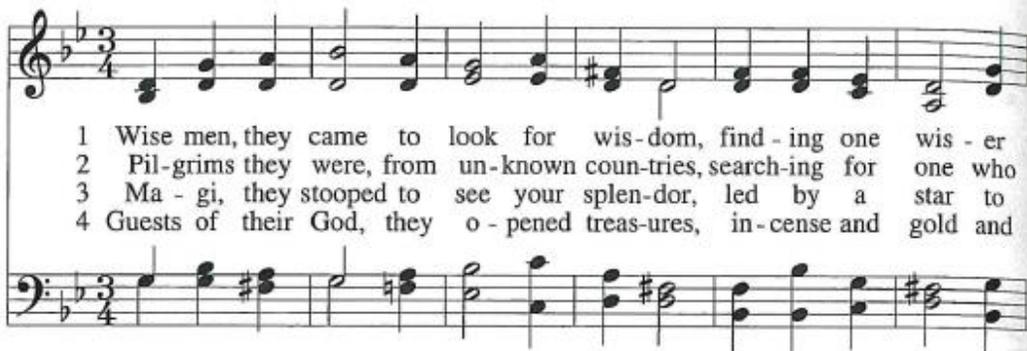
From the Gospels: Matthew 2:1-12

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

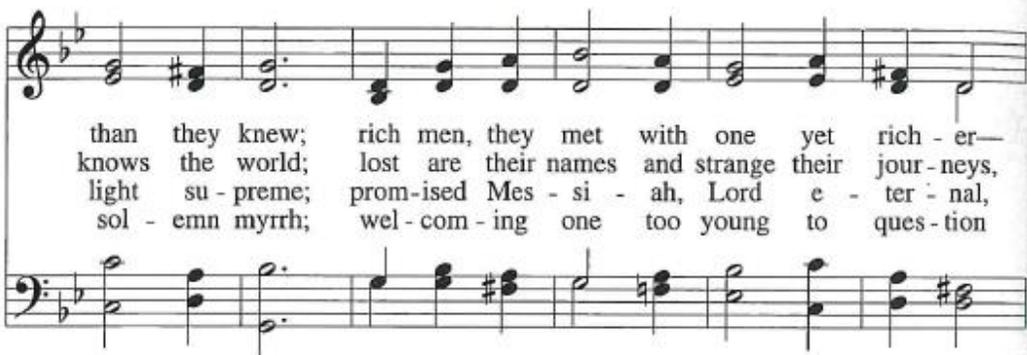


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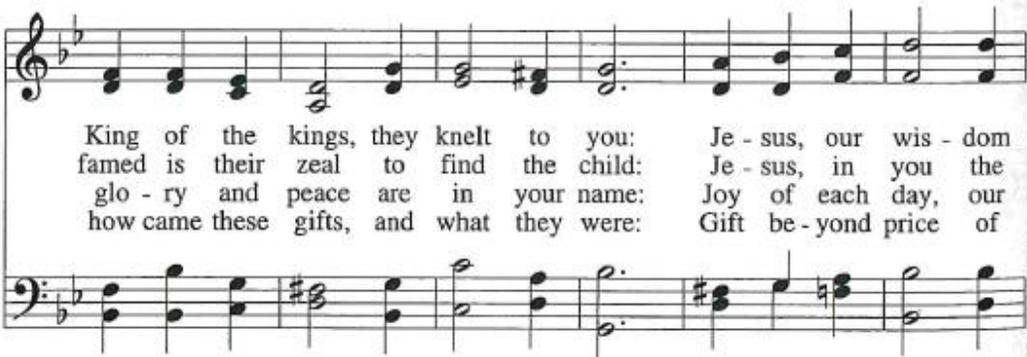
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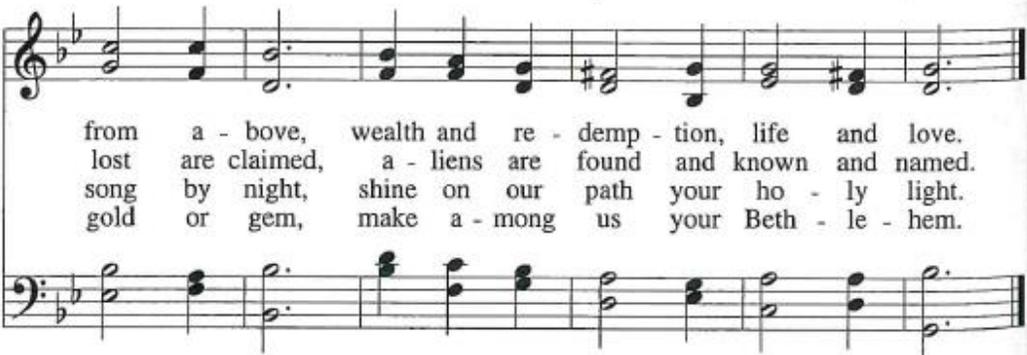
1 Wise men, they came to look for wis-dom, find - ing one wis - er  
 2 Pil-grims they were, from un-known coun-tries, search-ing for one who  
 3 Ma - gi, they stooped to see your splen-dor, led by a star to  
 4 Guests of their God, they o - pened treas-ures, in-cense and gold and



than they knew; rich men, they met with one yet rich - er—  
 knows the world; lost are their names and strange their jour-neys,  
 light su - preme; prom-ised Mes - si - ah, Lord e - ter - nal,  
 sol - emn myrrh; wel - com - ing one too young to ques - tion



King of the kings, they knelt to you: Je - sus, our wis - dom  
 famed is their zeal to find the child: Je - sus, in you the  
 glo - ry and peace are in your name: Joy of each day, our  
 how came these gifts, and what they were: Gift be - yond price of



from a - bove, wealth and re - demp - tion, life and love.  
 lost are claimed, a - liens are found and known and named.  
 song by night, shine on our path your ho - ly light.  
 gold or gem, make a - mong us your Beth - le - hem.

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## **Celebrating God's Word in Sacrament**

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. We believe in an OPEN Table.

ALL persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior  
are encouraged to participate in the Sacrament.

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED (unison)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Invitation**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Consecration of the Elements**

### **Partaking of the Lord's Supper**

Communion is Open to ALL: saint and sinner, lost and found, believer and seeker.

We partake of the bread together to symbolize our unity & community as God's people.

We shall partake of the cup individually to symbolize our solitariness

as we each stand alone before our God



## We Three Kings of Orient Are 233



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,  
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*



O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.