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+ **The Epiphany of our Lord** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
January 6th, 2021

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

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Glory to God

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

O God, on this day you revealed your only begotten to all the nations by the leading of a star. May we who have come to know you by faith, be led one day to contemplate the fullness of your heavenly majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

(St.Matt/Evan)

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 A lesson from Isaiah:

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

[2] 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.

[3] Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

4] 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.

5] 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.

6] 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody 72:1-14 (Tones: 22-single; 24-double)

Give the king your just- / ice, O God,*
and your righteousness to / a king's son.

**May he judge your people with / righteousness,*
and your / poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity / for the people,*
and the hills, in / righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor / of the people,*
give deliverance to the needy, and crush / the oppressor.**

May he live while the / sun endures,*
and as long as the moon, throughout all / generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on / the mown grass,*
like showers that wa- / ter the earth.**

In his days may / righteousness flourish*
and peace abound, until the moon / is no more.

**May he have dominion from / sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends / of the earth.**

May his foes bow down / before him,*
and his enemies / lick the dust.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
Ren- / der him tribute,***

may the kings of Sheba and Se- / ba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down / before him,* all nations / give him
service.

**For he delivers the needy / when they call,*
the poor and those who / have no helper.**

He has pity on the weak / and the needy,*
and saves the lives / of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he re- / deems their life;,*
and precious is their blood / in his sight.**

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the begin- / ning, is now,* and will be forev- / er.

Amen.

Second Lesson: Eph. 3:1-12 A lesson from Ephesians:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- [2]
for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,
[3] and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,
[4] a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. [5]
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: [6] that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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

*** Alleluia Verse**

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***Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 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, [2] 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." [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 was to be born. [5] They 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.' " [7] Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. [8] 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." [9] 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. [10] When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. [11] 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. [12] 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner

***Hymn of the Day**

We Three Kings

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RESPONSE

*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

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First Intercession:

Merciful God, we have come to worship you, grateful that you did not wait for us to search for you. You came to live with us, and announced yourself to us by signs and miracles. We rejoice in the diligent search of the Wise Men who found our Lord through your star, and for the faithfulness of our parents, pastors and teachers who led us to him. By their faith, our faith has become more certain that we have been redeemed. We are at peace in your love.

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

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* Offertory Prayer:

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Father, we humbly add our offerings to the gold, frankincense and myrrh / of our forebearers in faith. We, too, have come to worship your Son / and to claim your promise to serve you in your kingdom of light. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog

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* Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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Distribution Hymns

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* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle *Lord, now you let . . .*

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* Post-Communion Prayer:

O King of all the nations, having found you in this bread and wine / we have no desire to return to rival lords. Help us to escape from all who oppose your saving rule. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

***Benediction**

***Recessional Hymn**

Dismissal

Postlude

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silent Night

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Silent Night

verses by Joseph Mohr

music by Franz Gruber



1. Si - lent night,	ho - ly night.	All is calm,
2. Si - lent night,	ho - ly night!	Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night,	ho - ly night!	Guid - ing star,



all is bright	Round yon	Vir - gin	Moth - er and Child.
at the sight.	Glo - ries	stream	from heav - en a - far.
lend thy light.	See the	East - ern	wise men bring



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,	Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia!"	Christ the Sav - ior is
Gifts and hom - age to our King.	Christ the Sav - ior is



peace. _____	Sleep _____ in	heav - en - ly	peace. _____
born! _____	Christ _____ the	Sav - ior is	born! _____
here! _____	Je - sus the	Sav - ior is	here! _____



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