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## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

### January 3, 2021



#### 375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

- 1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.
- 2 Christ, from heav'n to us descending And in love our race befriending;  
In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily foe.
- 3 Jacob's star in all its splendor Beams with comfort sweet and tender,  
Forcing Satan to surrender, Breaking all the pow'rs of hell.
- 4 From the bondage that oppressed us, From sin's fetters that possessed us,  
From the grief that sore distressed us, We, the captives, now are free.
- 5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing When by faith we grasp this blessing,  
And to You we come confessing That Your love has set us free.
- 6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your lowly manger cheer us,  
Gently lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir above.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- G** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- G** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.

#### Psalm *Psalm 24; antiphon: v. 7*

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,  
for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.  
He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!

#### Kyrie *LSB 152*

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**G** Lord, have mercy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154*

- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.  
**C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**  
**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**  
**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**  
**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**  
**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 60:1–6*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual *Isaiah 60:6b, 1*

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They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.  
Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

## Epistle *Ephesians 3:1–12*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

- C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:1–12*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.  
**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav’n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!
- 2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

- 3 Now through His Son doth shine The Father’s grace divine.  
Death was reigning o’er us Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav’nly ground?  
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing In heav’nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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## Sermon “Our King, now and forever”

### Apostles’ Creed

- G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

### Prayer of the Church

- P** ... let us pray to the Lord:  
**G** Lord, have mercy.

### Offertory *LSB 159*

- G** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**G** **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.**

## Benediction *LSB 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**G** **Amen.**

## 390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

- 1 Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.
- 2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in gladness.
- 3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.
- 4 Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us.

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**Congratulations to Brianna & Bill** on the birth of twins....a  
boy and a girl born Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Kosta William Georgaras and  
Evy Kyriaki Georgaras. Grandparents Bill & Vanessa now have  
a ***Baker's Dozen!***

**Office hours:** **Monkton** – Mon., Wed, Thurs; 8-12  
**Logan** – Tues; 8-12 **Tavistock** – Sunday: 3-4

Individual communion is available to anyone wishing to  
receive the Lord's body and blood, please e-mail or phone  
Pastor to schedule. As always, Pastor will be available any  
time to anyone needing spiritual support.

## Lutheran Hour for next Sunday, Jan. 10th "The Backstory Behind a Bible 'Contradiction'"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hear this inspirational  
message on 820 CHAM at 8am or 920 CKNX at 9am next  
Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at  
[www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**As legislated by the Province of Ontario,** both  
churches are closed for in-person worship. All services will be  
virtual online only until further notice.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS BOTH CHURCHES:** Unless  
things change drastically, annual meetings will be postponed  
till further notice due to COVID. **PLEASE still submit  
your reports by Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** for Logan to Darlene and for  
Monkton to Vanessa or Marjory as we will still need to get the  
reports printed.

Please continue to contribute to your church as the financial  
responsibilities are ongoing.

**Members of Logan,** you can mail your contributions to Lorrie  
or drop them off in her letter box. You can phone (519-347-  
2587) her to let her know you have dropped something off.

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