

# The Epiphany of our Lord January 2, 2022

Order of Service: DS3

Prelude: #396, Arise and Shine in Spendor

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## Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: #370, What Child Is This

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Psalm

*Psalm 24; antiphon: v. 7*

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Isaiah 60:6b, 1*

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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*Matthew 2:1–12*

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

*Sit*

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## First Verse:

### Hymn of the Day: We Three Kings (Bulletin)

We Three Kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star.

## Refrain:

O Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with Royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

## Second Verse:

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

## Refrain:

O Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with Royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

## Third Verse:

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God most high.

## Refrain:

O Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with Royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

## Sermon "Cherry Picking Scripture"

 The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
 Amen.

*Stand*

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LSB 192

## Offertory

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
**P** ... let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

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

- C** 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.

## Concluding Prayer

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## Hymn to Depart: #397, As with Gladness Men of Old

- 1 As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee.

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- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
    There to bend the knee before  
    Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
    So may we with holy joy,  
    Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
    And when earthly things are past,  
    Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
    Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
    Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.

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## **Postlude: #399, The Star Proclaims the King Is Here**

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