



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Epiphany
January 5, 2020
10:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

*Please gather/remain in the Narthex before Worship for the Epiphany Tradition of
"Chalking the Door"*

Prelude "Bourree" from Royal Fireworks G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
arr. E. Power Biggs

† Chalking the Door (see insert)

*An old Epiphany tradition involves using chalk to write the letter CMB and the numbers of the current year, separated by crosses (+), over the doors of congregations and Christian homes: 20 + C + M + B + 20. The letters CMB are said to stand for the names of the magi (Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar) or the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (Christ bless this house).*

† Processional Hymn #66 (see insert) "We Three Kings of Orient Are" THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit "O Gladsome Light" Raymond Weidner

Gathering as the Children of God Amy Kiley

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come!
All: *The glory of God has risen upon us.*
One: Tell the good news throughout the earth:
All: *The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.*
One: Come and adore the Savior of the nations.
All: *We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.*

† Hymn #2098 (v. 1,2,5,6) "The Baby in the Manger Stall" TALLIS' CANON
(see insert)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ...Silent Confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good New of the Gospel.

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

† Response No. 23

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Christus Mansionem Benedicat"

Rev. Abernethy

RESPONSE

† Hymn #63

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

† Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene' Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilot. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"Three Kings from Persian Lands"

Gustav Von Holst (1874-1934)

† Doxology (#592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

** Please Wait for Pastor & Choir to Stand *
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Then in the fullness of time...who forever sing to the glory of your name: **(sung by Choir)**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Pastor: You are holy, O God... For Great is the mystery of faith: **(sung by Choir)**

*Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.*

Prayers of the People...concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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| † Closing Hymn #411 | "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" | FESTAL SONG |
| † Benediction | | |
| † Choral Response | "Amen" | Marty Haugen |
| † Postlude | "Minuet Finale" from Royal Fireworks | G.F. Handel (1685-1759) arr. E. Power Biggs |

Upcoming Events:

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| January 12 | 9:00 a.m. | First Cup Resumes |
| January 20 | OFFICE CLOSED | Martin Luther King Holiday |
| January 24-25 | | Session Retreat |
| January 26 | 11:00 a.m. | Session Installation Worship Service |
| February 2 | 10:00 a.m. | Annual Meeting of the Congregation |

Worship Participants for January 5, 2020

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Guest Organist - Donna Maini

Director of Music - Matthias Young

Liturgist - Amy Kiley



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