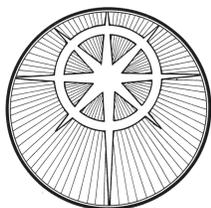


**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen



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## **The Second Sunday of Christmas**

January 5, 2020 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** Decorations are starting to be put away; closed up until next year. Bags are packed and unpacked as families return home. All the fanfare is coming to an end as Christmas draws to a close. Just as we are packin' it all up, the wise men are laying it all out. They still have gifts to share. In their giving of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, they proclaim the infant Jesus as the promised messiah, the King. This King rules forever and bring with Him the reign of heaven itself. Who said the season of celebrating was over!?

## Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's radio broadcast is co-sponsored by David and Jane Johnson, and Tom and Pam Gabriel, in thanksgiving for many blessings, and in celebration of the New Year.
- The poinsettias are received from the Christmas Decorating Fund. A special insert, listing those who contributed to the Decorating Fund, was included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Extra forms are on the tables in the narthex and reception area.
- The sponsor charts for 2020 for Radio Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry. You may also call the church office to sign up for Bulletin Sponsor.

## A Reflection on Epiphany

What are you doing, O Magi, what are you doing? Are you worshipping a suckling child in a shabby hovel, in shabby rags? Is he then God? Surely *God is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven*, and are you looking for him in a shabby stable, in his mother's lap?

What are you doing, offering gold? Is he then a king? And where is the royal palace, where is the throne, where the crowd of royal courtiers? Is the stable his palace, the manger his throne, Mary and Joseph the throng of courtiers?

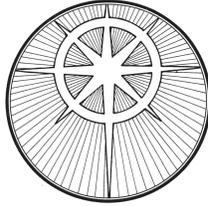
What has made these wise men so foolish as to worship a child as contemptible for his age as for the poverty of his family?

They became foolish so that they might become wise; the Spirit had already taught them what the Apostle later proclaimed: *Let those who want to be wise become foolish so that they may be wise. Since the world in its wisdom could not know God through wisdom, God was pleased through the foolishness of our proclamation to save those who believe.*

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

## Announcements

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



## PRELUDE

"As With Gladness, Men of Old"

... Jacob B. Weber, Mark Bloedow,  
Robert A. Hobby, Paul Manz

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"As with Gladness Men of Old" green hymnal #82

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!*

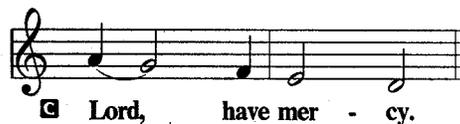
*~ Psalm 111*

*Lo! New-born Jesus  
Soft and weak  
and small,  
Wrapped in  
baby's bands  
By His  
mother's  
hands,  
Lord God of  
all.*

*Lord God of  
Mary,  
Whom His  
lips caress  
While He  
rocks to rest  
On her milky  
breasts  
In helplessness.*

*Lord God of  
shepherds  
Flocking  
through the  
cold,  
Flocking  
through the  
dark  
To the only  
Ark,  
The only  
Fold.*

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



## GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You

take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the  
Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so 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

*Lord God of  
all things  
Be they near  
or far,  
Be they high  
or low;  
Low of storm  
and snow,  
Angel and  
star.*

*Lord God of  
all men –  
My Lord and  
my God!  
Thou Who  
lovest me,  
Keep me close  
to Thee  
By staff and  
rod.*

*Lo! New-  
born Jesus  
Loving great  
and small,  
Love's free  
Sacrifice,  
Opening  
arms and eyes  
To one and  
all.*

*~ Christina  
Rossetti,  
"The Sun-  
days of  
Man's Life"*

*God did not, on account of His fore-knowledge of the evil that would result from man's creation, leave man uncreated. For it was better to bring back sinners to original grace by the way of repentance and physical suffering than not to create man at all. The raising up of the fallen was a work befitting the Giver of life, who is the wisdom and power of God. For this purpose He became man.*

*~ Gregory of Nyssa, 335-394 A.D.*

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 72** (9:00)

*The choir sings the Antiphon the first time, and then everyone sings the Antiphon where indicated.*

Choir/L: **Antiphon:**

Where is He, born King of the Jews?

For we have come to worship Him.

All: **Antiphon:**

Choir: Give the king your justice 'O God,\*  
and your righteousness to the 'royal son!

May he judge your people with 'righteousness,\*  
and the poor with 'justice!

**C: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the 'people,\*  
and the hills in 'righteousness!**

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, |  
give deliverance to the children of the 'needy,\*  
and crush the op'pressor!**

Choir: May they fear you while the 'sun endures,\*  
and as long as the moon throughout all gener'ations!

May he be like rain that falls on the 'mown grass,\*  
like showers that wa'ter the earth!

**All: Antiphon:**

Choir: In his days may the righteous 'flourish,\*  
and peace abound till the moon 'be no more!

May he have dominion from 'sea to sea,\*  
and from the River to the ends 'of the earth!

**C: May desert tribes bow down be'fore him,\*  
and his enemies 'lick the dust!**

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render  
him 'tribute;\*  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba 'bring gifts!**

**All: Antiphon:**

Choir: May all the kings fall down be'fore him,\*  
all nations 'serve him!

For he delivers the needy 'when he calls,\*  
the poor and him who has no 'helper.

**All: Glory to the Father and 'to the Son\*  
and to the Holy 'Spirit;  
as it was in the be'ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen**

**All: Antiphon**

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**EPISTLE** Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,

*Perhaps much of our Christmas merry-making is calculated to cut the strength of the divine Word. We want to blunt the mystery with the mundane. Taken at 150-proof the mystery leaves a trail of fire and burns through our pious misperceptions, leaving us with throats seared silent. Our gasping silence enables God to speak. And speak He has in the person of His Son, who was made flesh and dwelt for a while among us.*

*~ Rev. Dr.  
Scott  
Murray,  
2017*

<sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told

him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"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."<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by**

*When the Nicene Creed describes Jesus as being "incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary," it is referring strictly to the conception of Christ, not his birth. The Apostles' Creed distinguishes between the conception and birth of Christ. Jesus is said to be "conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary" . . . the confession that Jesus derived His humanity from the Virgin Mary has remained constant.  
~ David Scaer,  
1989 A.D.*

**the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for ✕ the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

(9:00) "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" green hymnal #76

*The choir sings stanza 3.*

(11:00) *The congregation sings all stanzas.*

## **SERMON**

**"Your Light Has Come"**

*Please kneel.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting God and Son of Mary, let us pray.

P: . . . O King of Kings,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

## VOLUNTARY

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" . . . Robert A. Hobby

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

*He that loves  
little prays  
little; he that  
loves much  
prays much.  
~ Augustine,  
354-430  
A.D.*

The Christians of Carthage call baptism nothing other than 'salvation,' and the sacrament of the body of Christ nothing other than 'life.' How did this arise but from the ancient, and as I suppose, apostolic tradition, by which the churches of Christ held as firmly established, that without baptism and participation in the Supper of the Lord it is impossible for anyone to reach either to the kingdom of God or to salvation and eternal life?...

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and  
dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: Amen

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

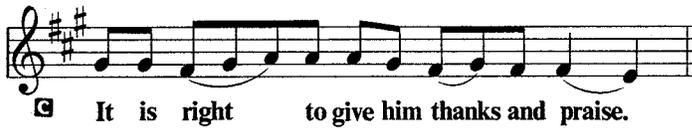
P: The Lord be with you.

And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS ("Holy")

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

...So much also does Scripture testify, according to the words which we already quoted. For how does their opinion, who designate baptism by the term salvation, differ from what is written: 'He saved us by the washing of regeneration?' ([Tit 3:5](#)) or from Peter's statement: 'Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you?' ([1Pt 3:21](#))

~ Augustine of Hippo, *On the Merits and Forgiveness of sins, and the Baptism of Infants*. 354-430 A.D.

For surely our hearts ought to be certain that when we are baptized, when we eat the body of the Lord, and when we are absolved, God truly forgives us on account of Christ. And God moves our hearts through the word and the rite at the same time so that they believe and receive faith just as Paul says [Rom 10:17], "So faith comes from what is heard." For just as the word enters through the ear in order to strike the heart, so also the rite enters through the eye in order to move the heart.

~ Philip Melanchthon, Ap XIII, 1530

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

### ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh  
**C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

### AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**  
**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**  
**sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of**  
**God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



*Please be seated.*

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

*"We Three Kings" blue hymnal #646*

*"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"  
green hymnal #84*

*"Renew Me, O Eternal Light" green hymnal #511*

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

**A Prayer  
as You Go**  
O almighty  
God, who  
having be-  
gun a good  
work in me,  
wilt perform  
it until the  
Day of Jesus  
Christ, grant  
that my love  
may abound  
yet more  
and more in  
knowledge  
and in all  
judgment,  
that I may  
approve  
things that  
are excellent,  
that I may  
be sincere  
and without  
offense, till  
the Day of  
Christ, being  
filled with  
the fruits of  
righteous-  
ness which  
are by Jesus  
Christ, to the  
glory and  
praise of  
God. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God of wonder, we have tasted your goodness, and beheld your presence in the Word made flesh. Shine forth his light in all we say and do, and fill the earth with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



*Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" green hymnal #75

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

"The Magi"

... Kenneth T. Kosche

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*

## **Serving at Worship**

Preaching: The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher Johnson (*at Bethany, 10:30*)

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei

Lector: (9:00) Robert Hochberger

(11:00) Carl Boettcher

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolytes: (9:00) Nathan Contreras; Ethan Hochberger;

Carter Kulesa

(11:00) Ella Johnson

Elder: (9:00) Jon Oestreich

(11:00) Adam Holzschuh

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Bill Metter; Grace Mueller

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Rob Kittel; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Donna Nuernberg; Debra Thomas

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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