

# THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



## † DIVINE SERVICE †

### OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

(LSB 387)

### INVOCATION

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

### EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**  
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

T **WORD** T

**INTROIT**

*Ps 45:6-8a (antiphon: 45:17)*

- P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.
- C **Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.**  
**The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;**
- P You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
- C **Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;**
- P Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

**KYRIE**



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**SONG OF PRAISE**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*(LSB 380)*

**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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*(All people are drawn to God's light.)*

*After the reading:*

- L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**      *Ephesians 3:1-12*      (*The mystery of Jesus is proclaimed to the Gentiles.*)

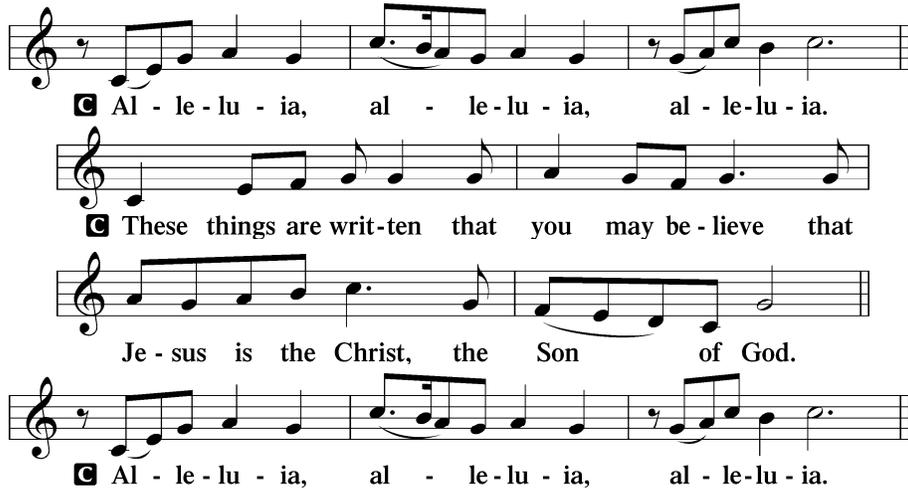
*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The first staff is for the Alleluia. The second and third staves are for the verse, with lyrics: 'These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff is for the final Alleluia. Each staff begins with a common time signature 'C'.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

*(The wise men seek Jesus)*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(11:00 am only)*

**SERMON HYMN** "From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable" (Stuart Townsend)

*Faith's Praises & Congregation*

**From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
To the anguish and the shame of scandal – came the Savior of the human race!  
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n – shepherds listen as the angels tell  
Of the Gift of God come down to man – at the dawning of Immanuel.**

**King of heaven now the friend of sinners, Humble servant in the Father's hands,  
Filled with power and Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and struggles that I know so well;  
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again – I will follow my Immanuel.**

**Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted on a cru-el cross;  
He was punished for a world's transgressions, He was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, He fights for me. Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;  
And with a shout our souls are free; death defeated by Immanuel.**

**Now He's standing in the place of honor – crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
Interceding for His own beloved – 'til His Father calls to bring them home.  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds – hope of heaven or fear of hell;  
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms, giving glory to Immanuel.**

**SERMON** "Your Light Has Come" (Isaiah 60:1-6)  
Pastor Cory Rajek

**CREED** 8:20am Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*  
11:00am Apostles' *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

**OFFERTORY** "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"  
*Faith's Praises & Congregation*

**1. God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.**

**(Refrain) O – tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!  
O – tidings of comfort and joy.**

**2. From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;**

**How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. (Refrain)**

**3. So when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Savior lay,  
They found Him in a manger where oxen feed on hay.  
And when they saw Him down they knelt and unto Him they prayed. (Refrain)**

**(Refrain) O – tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!  
O – tidings of comfort and joy.**

**4. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place.  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace,  
Because this Child of Christmas came down to bring us grace. (Refrain)**

**OFFERING**    *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our "Building Together in Faith" gifts.*

*(Please stand)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** As once the Wise Men of old came to adore the infant Savior and to bring Him the worship of their hearts, hands and gifts, so do we come this day giving thanks for Your mercy and rejoicing in Your promises. Bring the light of Your Word to all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P** Guide those who teach Your Word, and fill the classrooms in our churches, schools, universities and seminaries with children, youth and adults who seek to know Jesus Christ, especially the missionary efforts of \_\_\_\_\_. Prosper the publishing of faithful books to teach the faith, and bless the ways in which we may use the gift of technology for the faithful witness of the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P** Mindful of Your plan of the mystery hidden for the ages and revealed in Christ, we come together in this place as one people by Baptism, who are set apart to live out our common vocation of worship, witness, intercession and mercy work. Bless the gifts we bring as You once honored the gifts of the Wise Men. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to all people the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, relief from suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart, especially for \_\_\_\_\_. Sustain them by Your Word and give them Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**



P Great I AM, source of all life, send Your Holy Spirit to those who mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the promise of Your Son, that as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With exceedingly great joy in Your promises and with confidence that You will hear and answer Your people, we commend all for whom we pray, through Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and Holy Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

The 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benedicamus and Benediction.

**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

**⋮ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ⋮**  
**8:20 am Service**

**PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

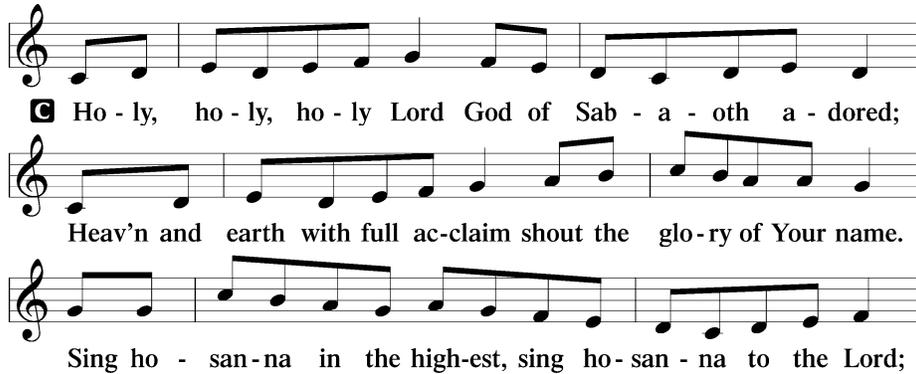
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

**C** Amen.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**AGNUS DEI**

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



*(Please be seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

- "What Child is This" (LSB 370)
- "As With Gladness Men of Old" (LSB 397)
- "Angels From the Realms of Glory" (LSB 367)

*(Please stand)*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### BENEDICAMUS *and* BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**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 T give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

(LSB 388)

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