

Worship Outline

Epiphany A

January 5, 2020

We Gather

Prelude

When the Stars Are in the Heavens Bright
Shamory

Introit

We Three Kings of Orient Are
Hopkins

+Litany for Epiphany of the Lord (responsive)

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Nations will come to his light,
and rulers will seek his radiance.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

He will judge the people with righteousness
and defend the cause of the poor.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The mystery of the ages is revealed;
the eternal plan of God is known to all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before him
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him all the treasures
of our hearts and our lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Silence is kept.

God of endless light, you sent a star-
Rising from darkness
Guiding seekers and sages,
overwhelming us with joy.
Let the splendor of your dawning light
Grow in us and in all the world
until the whole creation shines with your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Confession and Assurance

Like a great light in a land of deep darkness, the mercy of the Lord shines upon us.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**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 Holy Spirit,**

**that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory
Shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come!
You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Gathering Song 141 (verse 4)

*On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us;
Peace and love he gave us.
Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,
id-e-o gloria in excelsis De-o!*

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Let us pray...

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The mystery of the ages, revealed to the prophets and apostles.
Hear the word of the Lord.

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6 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 proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Angels, Shepherds, Kings and Stars

Caster
Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " 7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go

and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Kanerva

Rev. Liz Rolf

+Hymn 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Eucharist

Offering

Invitation

From the fullness of God we have all received grace upon grace. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory

Out of the East

Noble

Sue Van Patton, Soloist

+Doxology #84 (verse 4)

*To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. A-men.*

+Dedication

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Holy One,
the beginning and the end,
the giver of life:
Blessed are you
for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you
in the darkness and the light.
Blessed are you
for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you
in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you
for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

With the bread and cup
we remember your Word
dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth
in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God,
we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your World take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together:

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Loving and gracious God,
from east and west,
from north and south,
you have gathered us at your table,
called us your beloved,
and fed us from your body.
Transform us to be your body in the world,
and fortify us by your Spirit,
so that we may serve you
our our neighbors
with great joy. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 150

As With Gladness Men of Old

+Chalking of the Doors

*An old Epiphany tradition involves using chalk to write the letters CMB and numbers of the current year, separated by crosses, over the doors of congregations and Christian homes: 20+C+M+B+20 or CMB+2020. The letters CMB are said to stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar or the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* - God bless this house.*

God of doors and homes,
 bless this home this year and every year.
 Bless all who come and go through this door,
 both those who live here and those who visit.
 May all who enter through this door
 come in peace and bring joy.
 May all who come to this door
 find welcome and love.
 May the love and joy in this home overflow
 and spread into the community and the world.
 And may Jesus Christ watch over us all. Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on "Antioch"
 Paxton