

Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Rejoice, the Lord is King

~Peter Niedmann

Adam O'Dell - video

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

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The people who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

Come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

Christ, the Light of the world, illumines God's marvelous plan:

salvation for all who will trust in his grace!

Come, let us worship the Lord,

for God has done wondrous things!

Like wise men of old, let us bring our most treasured gifts

and bow before the King of kings.

Opening Hymn

We Three Kings

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Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar

Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright

Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again

King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright

Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh

Prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright

Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light

Verse 4

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone-cold tomb
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light

Verse 5

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light

Opening Prayer

God of all nations, peoples and cultures, this is the day You have made bright with Your love destined for all. Just as Your star guided wise men on a course-changing journey to the Christ child, may the light of Christ's most gracious life guide us in new ways of being. Today, grant us the resolve to follow the bright Morning Star, so that our lives might also shine with the light of Yis love. We ask this in Yis holy name. Amen.

Anthem

He Came Down

video

Dave Clark | Allie LaPointe | Geron Davis | arr. Geron Davis & Bradley Knight

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Proclamation and Response

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

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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.

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message for our Young Disciples

Cara Norris - video

Message

The Return Journey

Pastor Jen Eschlman

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

The 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 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. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Closing Song

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing / King of Heaven

video

Charles Wesley | Felix Mendelssohn | Jason Ingram | Paul Baloche

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Verse 1

Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace, hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King

Chorus

King of Heaven come down, King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day; King of Heaven come
King of Heaven rise up, who can stand against us
You are strong to save, in Your mighty name; King of Heaven come

Verse 3

Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King, the newborn King

Chorus

Ending

King of Heaven come, King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come, King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come down, King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day; King of Heaven come

Sending Forth

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata
~Andrew Gant

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