

Epiphany of Our Lord Worship Gathering

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A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- ♦ **Breathe**
- ♦ **Ponder:** Whom did you bring with you on your heart today? For what or whom are you feeling thankful? What is making you anxious today? What do you need to confess today?
- ♦ **Be still,** empty your hands, empty your mind, let sounds pass you, wait upon God.

Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.
Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

**you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.
We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.
We nurture conflict and build barriers.
We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.
Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.
Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In ✙ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift 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.

⁵Then 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.

⁶A 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.

The First Noel

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . same star three
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . up - on . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

night that was so deep. No - el, No - el, No -
tin - ued both day and night. star wher - ev - er it went.
place where Je - sus lay. myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They 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.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

Brightest and Best of the Stars



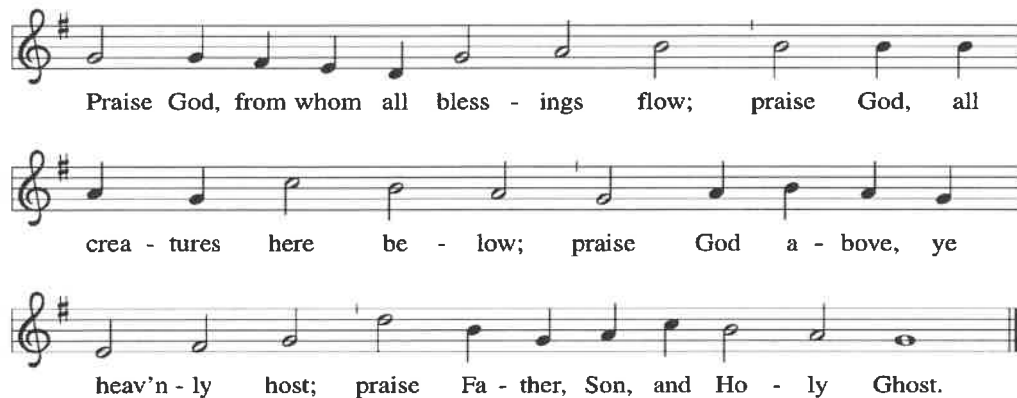
1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing,
2 Cold on his cra-dle the dew - drops are shin-ing;
3 What shall we give him, in cost-ly de-vo-tion?
4 Vain-ly we of-fer each am-ple ob-la-tion,
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing,
dawn on our dark-ness and lend us your aid.
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Shall we bring in-cense and of-f'rings di-vine;
vain-ly with gifts would his fa-vor se-cure;
dawn on our dark-ness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the him in ho-ri-zon a-dorn-ing,
an-gels a-dore him in slum-ber re-clin-ing,
gems of the moun-tain and pearls of the o-cean,
rich-er by far is the heart's ad-o-ra-tion,
Star of the east, the ho-ri-zon a-dorn-ing,
guide where our in-fant re-deem-er is laid.
mak-er and mon-arch and sav-ior of all.
myrrh from the for-est or gold from the mine?
dear-er to God are the prayers of the poor.
guide where our in-fant re-deem-er is laid.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Response: Hear our Prayer.*

Meal

OFFERING *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace.
Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts
to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

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.

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 and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Communion is by individual glass. Grape juice is also provided for those who prefer it.

BLESSING *All Stand*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace.

Make us shine with the good news of your glory,

born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, Jesus grant you grace and truth,

and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

Amen.

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Strength

The Carroll Family
Al Burkhart
Lynn Dagata
Janet Delgado
Gabe DeMaria
Meg Gaffney
Jason Haley
Miles Hartnett
Karl Hurowitz
Leon Jones
Ryan Lynch
Marty Massey
Dr. Les Prusnofsky
Brian Tarner
Annette Vasel
First Responders and Healthcare Workers

Serving in the Armed Forces

Bryan Bennett
Timothy Deluniversita
Carmen Green
Nicole Hetzer
Jim Oliveto
Justin Ortega
Sean Hudgins
Jesse Fritz

Sister Congregation

Epiphany Bayamón