

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing:

Give Light And People Will Find A Way,
Give Light And People Will Find A Way,
Give Light And People Will Find A Way,
People Will Find A Way I Do Believe.

Opening Song

“Arise Your Light Is Come”

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First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

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Preparing Our Hearts For Worship

‘Brightest and Best’

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Sermon

“ Known by the Light: Called to Joy”

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Christ, Be Our Light! Shine In Our Hearts. Shine Through The Darkness.

Christ, Be Our Light! Shine In Your Church Gathered Today.

Lord’s Prayer

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Christ, Be Our Light! Shine In Our Hearts. Shine Through The Darkness.

Christ, Be Our Light! Shine In Your Church Gathered Today.

Offering /Offertory

Doxology

We will follow the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving
The Holy One be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Join us in singing when instructed:

For Ev’ryone Born, A Place At The Table,
For Ev’ryone Born, Clean Water And Bread,
A Shelter, A Space, A Safe Place For Growing,
For Ev’ryone Born, A Star Overhead.

And God Will Delight When We Are Creators Of Justice And Joy,
Yes, God Will Delight When We Are Creators Of Justice,
Justice And Joy!

Words of Institution

Celebrant: And so...This morning, with faith and hope as your people, we proclaim together that,

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

COMMUNION SONG

Join us in singing

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A Shelter, A Space, A Safe Place For Growing,
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Yes, God Will Delight When We Are Creators Of Justice,
Justice And Joy!

Closing Song

“I am the Light of the World”

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Benediction

Lyrics

“Arise Your Light is Come”

Arise, Your Light Is Come! The Spirit's Call Obey;
Show Forth The Glory Of Your God Which Shines On You Today!

Arise, Your Light Is Come! Fling Wide The Prison Door;
Proclaim The Captive's Liberty, Good Tidings To The Poor.

Arise, Your Light Is Come! All You In Sorrow Born,
Bind Up The Brokenhearted Ones And Comfort Those Who Mourn.

Arise, Your Light Is Come! The Mountains Burst In Song!
Rise Up Like Eagles On The Wing; God's Power Will Make Us Strong.

“Brightest and Best”

Brightest And Best Of The Stars In The Morning,
Dawn On Our Pathway And Lend Us Your Aid.
Star Of The East, The Horizon Adorning,
Guide Where Our Infant Redeemer Is Laid.

Shall We Give Jesus Our Costly Devotion,
Fragrance Of Edom, And Off'rings Divine,
Gems Of The Mountain And Pearls Of The Ocean,
Myrrh From The Forest And God From The Mine?

Vainly We Offer Each Ample Oblation,
Vainly With Gifts Jesus' Favor Secure.
Richer By Far Is The heart's Adoration.
Dearer To God Are The Gifts Of The Poor.

Brightest And Best Of The Stars Of The Morning,
Dawn On Our Pathway, And Lend Us Your Aid;
Star Of The East, The Horizon Adorning,
Guide Where Our Infant Redeemer Is Laid.

“I am the Light of the World”

Congregation sings the chorus

“I Am The Light Of The World! You People Come And Follow Me!”
If You Follow And Love You'll Learn The Mystery
Of What You Were Meant To Do And Be.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of our God rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but God rises upon you and God's glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, unto you the riches of the nations will come.

Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of our God.

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come one who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.