

THE DIVINE SERVICE

January 12, 2020

The First Sunday After the Epiphany

Epiphany Service

In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

Chorale Fantasia, "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star," BuxWV 223 — Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

How lovely shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar the light in Judah shining;
Thou David's son of Jacob's race,
My bridegroom and my King of grace, for thee my heart is pining.
Lowly, holy, great and glorious, thou victorious Prince of graces,
Filling all the heavenly places.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, Governor of all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of your people, and grant us your peace in our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



CHORAL INTROIT

The Word Was Made Flesh – Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

❖ HYMN OF INVOCATION

Cælis Sedulius, 5th cent.

Leonard R. Payton, 1998



1. When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King
2. *The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and*
3. With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood the
4. *And, oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, when*
5. For this his glad e - pi - phan - y all



Her - od trem - bled for his throne; but he who of - fers heav'n - ly
fol - lowed on his guid - ing star; by light their way to Light they
heav'n - ly Lamb in meek - ness stood that he, of whom no sin was
wa - ter red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
glo - ry un - to Je - sus be, whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
trod, and by their gifts con - fessed their God.
known, might cleanse his peo - ple from their own.
flowed in streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
dore, and Ho - ly Ghost for - ev - er - more.

Minister: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: **And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory.**

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray.

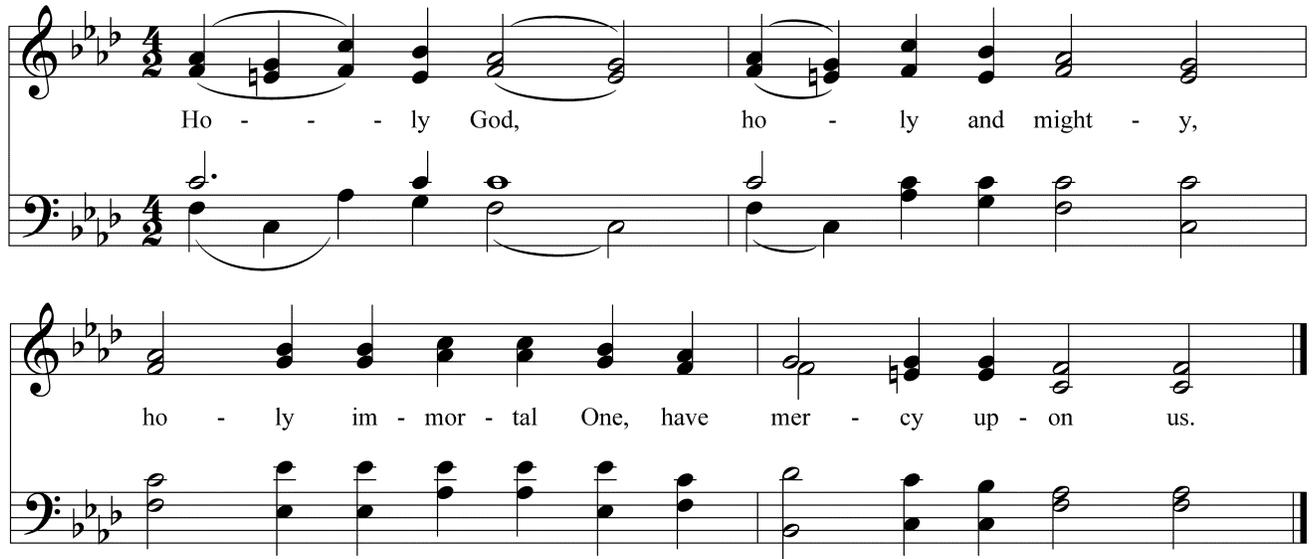
PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Trisagion

Alexander Archangelsky, 1846-1924



Ho - - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Minister: Hear what our Lord says, “You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

❖ THE GLORIA AND CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Gloria in Excelsis

Nicolas Decius

Glo - ry be to God on high! And on earth peace, good will t'ward men. We praise thee,
 we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
 for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al-might - y.

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Henry Smart, 1813-1879

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2. *Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your*
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 4. *Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in*
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,
 all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth. Come and wor - ship,
yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 ye have seen his na - tal star.
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 to th'e - ter - nal Three in One.
 come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

The Service of the Word



THE PSALTER

Psalm 72

Antiphon:



All kings shall bow down be-fore him;



all na - tions shall do him ser-vice.

All: Antiphon

Choir: Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice.

Antiphon

He shall rule from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute.
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

Antiphon

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

Antiphon

May his name remain for ever
and be established as long as the sun endures;
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

Antiphon

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

William Chatterton Dix, 1860

Conrad Kocher, 1838



1. As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly cra - dle - bed,
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare at that cra - dle rude and bare;
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5. In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - at - ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious God, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

THE FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-6

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

CHORAL ANTHEM

We Have Seen His Star – Everett Titcomb (1746-1800)

We have seen his star in the East,
And are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

(Matthew 2:2)

The Choral Anthem

As we approach the Divine Service on Sunday mornings it is our distinct joy and privilege to sing the word of God. Paul in Colossians instructs us to *let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God*. In addition to the congregation's songs, the Redeemer Choir carefully prepares an anthem, based on a biblical passage, as a sacrifice of praise to God and as a ministry to the members of the Body. We make every attempt to choose the most beautiful and profound selections of music, and the choir members work diligently to bring them to the highest possible aesthetic level, demonstrating our full engagement with the Gospel. The placement of the anthem falls at one of five places in the liturgy: 1) song of confession before the *Corporate Confession*, 2) a continuation of the *Gloria* (after the *Declaration of Absolution*), 3) *The Psalter*, 4) a response to the reading of the scripture lessons (as in this morning's liturgy), or 5) as a part of our *Prayer of Supplication*. It is our earnest prayer that you will be caught up in the glory of Christ as you listen and reflect on our glorious Gospel as presented in our anthems.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

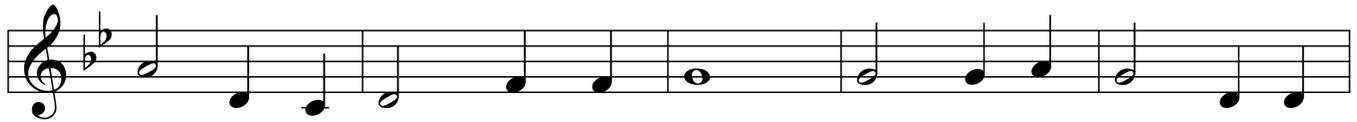
❖ CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Reginald Heber, 1811

Southern Harmony, 1835



1. Bright-est and best of the sons of the morn - ing, dawn on our
 2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing, low lies his
 3. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, o - dors of
 4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion, vain - ly with



dark - ness and lend us your aid: star in the east, the ho -
 head with the beasts of the stall; an - gels a - dore him in
 E - dom, and of - frings di - vine, gems of the moun - tain, and
 gifts would his fa - vor se - cure; rich - er by far is the



ri - zon a - dorn - ing, guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 slum - ber re - clin - ing, Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 pearls of the o - cean, myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 heart's a - do - ra - tion, dear - er to God are the pray'rs of the poor.



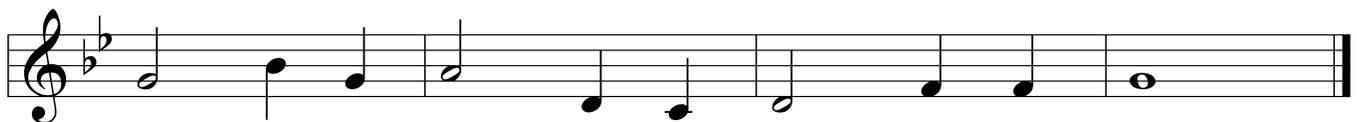
Bright - est and best of the sons of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us your aid;



star in the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

WELCOME

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Scott Brister

Unison: 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.

❖ **THE EPISTLE LESSON**

Ephesians 3:1-12

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Bryce Waller

Christ: Savior of the Nations
Ephesians 3:1-12

The Service of the Table



❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Anonymous, German, 16th cent.

Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621



1. What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2. True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3. The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4. Their love can brook no dull de - lay, though toil and



than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
dan - ger block the way; home, kin - dred, fa - ther -



forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
pow'r be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
land, and all, they leave at their Cre - a - tor's call.

5. O Jesus, while the star of grace
Impels us on to seek thy face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse
The guidance of thy light to use.

6. To God the Father, heav'nly Light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise
Our equal and unceasing praise.

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

L. Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
 praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Our gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings as our worship properly given to you for the glory due your name. Use them to strengthen your church, expand your kingdom, and show mercy to our neighbors. In the name of your Son we pray.

People: **Amen.**

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: **It is good and right to do so!**

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we do praise you who sent your only begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you did reveal the fullness of your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

11th cent. Plainsong, Steinau, 1726

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Bread

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.

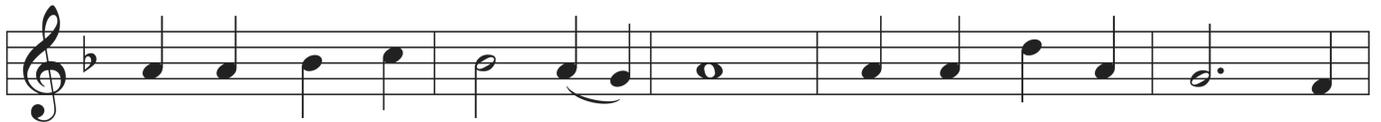
French melody, 17th cent.



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - wing - ed ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



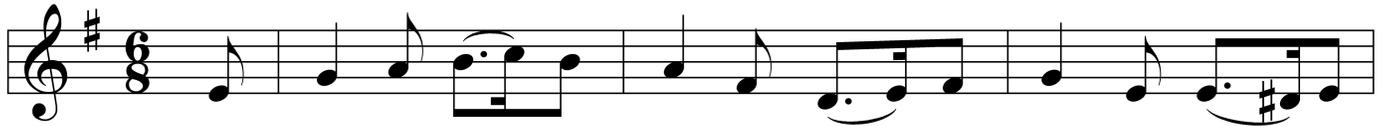
scend - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - - - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - - - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Cup

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor. 11:25)

Traditional English carol

English melody, 16th cent.



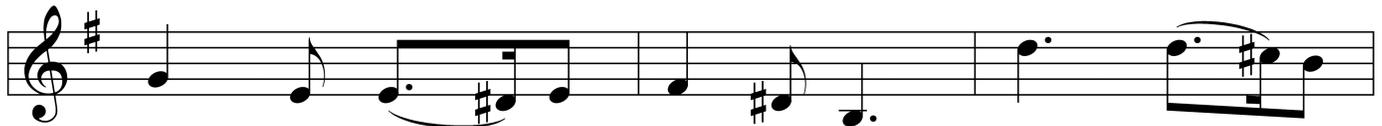
1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the
 own him; the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the King, whom
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the
 lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the song on high, the



shep - herds watch and an - gels sing: haste, haste to
 cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail the
 vir - gin sings her lul - la - by: joy, joy for



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **DEPARTING HYMN**

Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32, para. James Quinn

Traditional American melody



1. Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your word is now ful - filled.
2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, the Gen-tiles' prom - ised light,



These eyes have seen sal - va-tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

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An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service concludes to pray with you and help answer questions you may have about the Christian faith or Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

LESSONS

Psalm 72:1-11

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
His foes shall bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Sermon Lesson – Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.