

# Order of Worship for Sunday, January 3, 2021

Worship in the Sanctuary

## Epiphany Sunday

10:00

### We Gather to Worship

#### Prelude

#### Announcements

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### Call to Worship

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

The light of Christ Jesus is shining this day.

Arise, shine! *Your* light has come!

The light of Christ Jesus is shining for us.

You are members of Christ's body and share in Christ's promised salvation.

The light of Christ Jesus is shining in us!

Arise, shine! *You* are the light of the world.

Christ's light shines thorough us with justice and peace.

Arise, shine! May our worship be filled with light and love.

The glory of Christ Jesus shines upon us! Amen.

#### \*Responsive Affirmation

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth.**

#### Hymn

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night,  
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## **We Grow Through the Spoken Word**

### *Apostle's Creed*

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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

### **Morning Prayer and 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,  
For ever and ever. Amen**

## **Response**

**Lord, may our prayer rise like incense in your sight,  
May this place be filled with the fragrance of Christ. Amen.**

## **Old Testament Lesson**

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, Jerusalem, and shine like the sun;  
The glory of the LORD is shining on you!  
Other nations will be covered by darkness,  
But on you the light of the LORD will shine;  
The brightness of his presence will be with you.  
Nations will be drawn to your light,  
And kings to the dawning of your new day.  
Look around you and see what is happening:  
Your people are gathering to come home!  
Your sons will come from far away;  
Your daughters will be carried like children.  
You will see this and be filled with joy;  
You will tremble with excitement.  
The wealth of the nations will be brought to you;  
From across the sea their riches will come.  
Great caravans of camels will come, from Midian and Ephah.  
They will come from Sheba, bringing gold and incense.  
People will tell the good news of what the LORD has done!

## **Invitation, Confession & Pardon**

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

## **Choral Response**

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth.**

## **\*Presentation and Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **Hymn**

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

O splendor of God's glory bright,  
O thou that bringest light from light;  
O Light of light, light's living spring,  
O day, all days illumining.

O thou true Sun, on us thy glance  
let fall in royal radiance;  
the Spirit's sanctifying beam  
upon our earthly senses stream.

The Father, too, our prayers implore,  
Father of glory evermore;  
the Father of all grace and might,  
to banish sin from our delight.

To guide whate'er we nobly do,  
with love all envy to subdue;  
to make ill fortune turn to fair,  
and give us grace our wrongs to bear.

## **\*Gospel Lesson**

*Matthew 2:1-11*

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the law and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?"

"In the town of Bethlehem in Judea," they answered. "For this is what the prophet wrote:

'Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah;

For from you will come a leader who will guide my people Israel.'"

So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: "Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him."

And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the east. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him.

## **Sermon**

*Epiphany: Light Shin Upon Us! A Light Unto the World!*

## **Holy Eucharist**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,

gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the  
world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

*Arise and Shine! Your Light Has Come!*

Arise and shine! Your Light has come, for God has sent the Promised One.  
Arise and shine! Your Light has come. Declare the works that the Lord has done.  
Sing, shout, be jubilant all the earth. Sing of our merciful King's birth.

Form out of darkness we have light, for God has danced into our night.  
Rejoice, rejoice, the heavens reply, for our redemption draweth nigh.  
Angels and people with joy may sing; all for to praise the King of kings.  
Arise and shine! Your Light has come, for God has sent the Promised One.

## **We Go to Serve**

### **\*Benediction**

### **Chimes**

The people in silent reflection