

*For we saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship Him*



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

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FOCUS We consider the mysteries highlighted by the Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men, or Magi, mysteriously show up in Jerusalem, and these strangers are looking for the King of the Jews. The King of the Jews is mysteriously an infant, born to a humble family in Bethlehem, not in Jerusalem. And this King of the Jews mysteriously invites all people from all nations into His kingdom. These mysteries, hidden for the ages, is revealed in Jesus, the Light of the world.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Our God Saves"

Baloche/Brown

In the Name of the Father, in the Name of the Son,
In the Name of the Spirit, Lord, we come;
We're gather'd together, to lift up Your Name,
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace;
Hear the joyful sound of our offering As Your saints bow down, as Your people sing;
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings, And the world will see that
Our God saves, our God saves;
There is hope in Your Name. *(Repeat from the beginning)*
Mourning turns to songs of praise;
Our God saves, our God saves. Our God saves!

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INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

L Arise, shine, for your light has come!
C **Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**
L All the nations shall come to the light of Christ.
C **Kings shall bring Him gifts.**
L For Christ reveals the mystery hidden through the ages,
C **that all nations are partakers of the promise in Jesus Christ.**

PRAISE THE LORD!

Psalm 72

- L** Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
- C** **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**
- L** Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- C** **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**
- L** May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- C** **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**
- L** In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- C** **May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!**
- L** May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
- C** **May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

ALL: *May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!*

PRAYER

SONG

"As It Is In Heaven"

Cash/Maher

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Come and let Your glory come, And let Your glory fall.
Our Father, Who art in Heaven; The rocks cry out Your fame.
Come and let Your glory come, And let Your glory fall.

I will sing, sing a new song, I will sing, sing a new song;
I will sing, sing a new song, To the Lord.

Chorus: Let Your Kingdom come, Let Your will be done On earth as it is in Heaven.
Ev'ry heart proclaim the mercy of Your name, On earth, as it is in Heaven.

God give us, new ev'ry morning, Mercy as daily bread
In the name of Jesus, In the name of Jesus we pray.
And lead us not to temptation, But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus, In the name of Jesus we pray. Father we pray!

I will sing, sing a new song, I will sing, sing a new song;
I will sing, sing a new song, To the Lord. (*Chorus*)

Bridge: For the Kingdom is Yours, And the power is Yours And the glory forever, amen.
And the Kingdom is Yours, And the power is Yours, And the glory forever, amen.
(Repeat) (Chorus)

As it is in heaven.

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OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
² 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.
³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴ 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.
⁵ 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.
⁶ 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.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,
³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.
⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,
⁵ which 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.
⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
⁷ Of 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.
⁸ To 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,
⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,
¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

HOLY GOSPEL

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, ² 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.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ “‘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.’” ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

APOSTLES’ 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

SONG

“Shout to the Lord”

Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev’ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. *(Repeat from beginning)*

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Confession and Forgiveness

- L** Through the Gospel, all people are fellow heirs of salvation and members of the same Body. Yet there have been times when we have failed to live in unity, when we have failed to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ with respect and honor. Our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection.)

Heavenly Father,

- C** **we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have created division and discord. We have hidden the light of Christ from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us with the light of Christ, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Amen.**

- L** Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, Jesus, into our world to shine as a light for all people, including You. Jesus has died for your sins and is risen for your righteousness. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

The LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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 ever. Amen.**

SONG

"Holy Spirit"

Torwalt/Torwalt

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope Your Presence Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves

Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone Your Presence Lord

Chorus: Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord Your Presence Lord *(Repeat from beginning)*

Let us become more aware of Your Presence

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness *(Repeat)*

Let us become more aware of Your Presence

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness Lord *(Chorus)*

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SERMON

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CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

“What a Friend”

Maher/Hein/Palmer/Parker

Everybody has trials and temptations Everybody knows heart break, isolation
But we can lay our burdens down Lay our burdens down

Chorus: What a friend we have in Jesus East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon And forever and ever His heart is my home

Everybody has fears, everybody got worries Everybody knows sorrow, devastation
But we can lay our burdens down Lay our burdens down *(Chorus)*

No more betrayal, for He is faithful He fills me up and my cup runneth over
No more betrayal, for He is faithful How He has proven it over and over
No more betrayal, for He is faithful He fills me up and my cup runneth over
No more betrayal, for He is faithful How He has proven it over and over Over and over
(Chorus x2)

Forever and ever His heart is my home

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LITURGIST: *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*

ELDERS: *5pm—; 11am—*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

LARGE PRINT—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS—for ages 3-6 years & 7-12 years old, are available on the table in the Narthex.

NURSERY—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery located near the Narthex will be available for parent use on Sunday mornings. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8 School, our Childcare (*infant—13 years*), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

RESTROOMS—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.

JOINING TRINITY—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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