

Contemporary Worship

January 2, 2022

Epiphany of Our Lord

GATHERING MUSIC

The First Noel – arr. Faye Lopez

WELCOME

OPENING WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE

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.

OPENING PRAYER

SONG *

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Hymnal #671

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations
With grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord,
And let there be light!

Verse 1: Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me...*chorus*

Verse 2: As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me...*chorus*

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CONFESSION *

Assembly: Ever-patient God,
 we are a people who often like to hide in the dark.
We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty,
 famine and genocide,
 injustice and oppression.
The current state of the world can overwhelm and paralyze us.
Help us be people of the light,
 shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy
 into all the dark places of our lives and world.
Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem.
Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose
 guided by your star.
Let the light break into our lives and our world,
 and transform us into people of the light.
Amen.

SONG *

A Christmas Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, the Savior of the world, He has come!
Alleluia, alleluia! To the highest name of all: Alleluia!

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GOSPEL LESSON *

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the second chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG *

The First Noel

Verse 1: The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2: They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night...*chorus*

Verse 3: And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went...*chorus*

Verse 4: This star drew nigh to the northwest,
Over Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay...*chorus*

Verse 5: Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense...*chorus*

Verse 6: Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought...*chorus*

PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in "Merciful God,"

Assembly: receive our prayer.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with

"love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior."

Assembly: Amen.

OFFERING

*A Light Has Dawned – Light/Chapman
Praise Team*

*A light has dawned, a King has come
To redeem every heart and soul.
Born unto us, Emmanuel, the Savior of the world
Let us adore and praise His name.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna let us sing.
Hosanna in the highest. We give glory to the King.
Glory to the King.*

*Angels rejoice and shepherds bow
At the sight of the holy child.
Men from afar searching to find the Savior of the world.
Let us adore and praise His name.*

*You are the Christ, the Son of God,
All the nations will rally to You.
Let every heart come recognize the Savior of the world.
Let us adore and praise His name.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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 ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.
We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the pastors.
All of the elements are prepackaged and are gluten free.
You may open the elements and partake of them at the communion rail
and dispose of the packaging in the baskets provided
or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of the packaging after the service.
Paper bags for the packaging disposal are available on the communion rail as needed.
"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.*

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you
Communion Receiver: Amen.

SONG

Come and Behold Him

Verse 1: Come and behold Him. Come see His glory.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.
We will discover all of His beauty.
His light will burn away all the darkness we've known.

Chorus: Come and behold Him. Come and behold Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.
Come and behold Him. Wait now before Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.

Verse 2: Come and behold Him. Come see His mercy.
Come find His tenderness reaching to you.
Just as a mirror shows a reflection.
His Word and Spirit come, now reflecting His love...*chorus*

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
 and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: Amen.

BLESSING *

Pastor: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
 so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Assembly: Amen.

SONG *

We Are Marching in the Light (Siyahamba)
Hymnal #866

Verse 1: We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,
We are marching in the light of God.

Verse 2: We are dancing . . .

Verse 3: We are praying . . .

Verse 4: We are singing . . .

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DISMISSAL *

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the Light of God.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

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