



## Epiphany Sunday

### Order of Worship for 1/4/26

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#### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations. All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

**We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.**

OPENING PRAYER

**O Lord our God, your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south, so that all people may see and be radiant, so that every heart might thrill and rejoice. Guide us on our baptismal journey in Christ.**

**Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence. May we enter your house and pay homage to him whose infant arms were already reaching out to the ends of the earth that all might be gathered in. In your triune name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN #411

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 morn.

Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven.**

**\*HYMN #23**

Angels We Have Heard on High (Refrain Only)

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord

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**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The 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 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.**

1 We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign. (Refrain)

3 Frankincense to offer have I:  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, we are raising,  
Worshipping God Most High. (Refrain)

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

5 Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

And so we sing with all the saints on earth  
and all the angels in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest...**

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION

*(Gluten-free elements provided on stand in front.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENT IN GOD'S NAME

### \*CLOSING HYMN #63

As With Gladness Men of Old

1 As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion* and *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

