

# GETHSEMANE WORSHIP Epiphany Sunday, January 2, 2022

## AS WE GATHER

*Israel's fate seemed dark in Isaiah's day, but he provided a vision of the future: God would shed on them His glory and light, bright enough to attract other nations with their wealth and treasures. Likewise, until it dawned on Saul/Paul, God had sent the Messiah only to Israel. But Paul's ministry was to bring to light for everyone the mystery of Christ, that the Gentiles be partakers in the Gospel. The Magi saw a physical light in a certain portion of the sky and realized they should find the King it announced. And now our light has come, the light of God's love in Christ shining in our hearts. Today is a day to celebrate that God has left no one out of the Gospel message. We thank God and tell one another and all we meet, "Your light has come."*

## + WORSHIP HIM IN HOPE +

LSB 394 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE sts. 1, 3, 5

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word  
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES      Isaiah 60:1, 5–6; Matthew 2:2, 10–11

**P** Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**C** **We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.**

**P** You shall see and be radiant.

**C** **They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**

**P** They shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**C** **And they fell down and worshiped Him.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION      Psalm 124:8; Ephesians 3:11–12

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** Although God has graciously showered the light of His love on us, we have not responded in lives of total devotion. But because He has graciously promised to forgive, let us go to Him in the name of “Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.”

**C** **Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have let the distractions of this world turn our eyes from**

**seeing the true Light. We have not loved You with our whole hearts. Forgive us and renew in us hearts to see, follow, and worship You alone.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, our heavenly Father sent His Son to take to His cross all our sins, and His Holy Spirit has graciously shined the light of faith in Christ into our hearts. I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*LSB 395 O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT*    sts. 1, 5

1    O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
    Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
    Our hearts to serve You only!  
    Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,  
    All victorious, Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

5    O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,

Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation!  
Exultation! Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

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### *SALUTATION*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

### *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**P** Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles.

**C** **Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence;**

**P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**+ GOD'S WORD FOR US +**

<sup>1</sup>“Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

<sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the peoples,  
but the Lord rises upon you  
and his glory appears over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> “Lift up your eyes and look about you:  
All assemble and come to you;  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup> Then you will look and be radiant,  
your heart will throb and swell with joy;  
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,  
to you the riches of the nations will come.

<sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land,  
young camels of Midian and Ephah.  
And all from Sheba will come,  
bearing gold and incense  
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## *EPISTLE*

Ephesians 3:1–12 NIV

<sup>3:1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup>Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup>In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup>I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup>His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup>according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## *HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 2:1–12 NIV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

## **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>2:1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> *“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”*

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*HWC 136 THE FIRST NOEL*

sts. 1, Ref, 3, 5

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. **REFRAIN**

**Ref Noel Noel Noel Noel**

**Born is the King of Israel!**

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. **REFRAIN**

5 Then entered in those wise men three  
Full rev'rently upon the knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **REFRAIN**

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*THE MESSAGE: REJOICING LIKE THE WISE*

*APOSTLES' CREED*

**C** 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.**

*OUR PRAYERS TO OUR FATHER*

**+ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †**

*INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

*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.**

### *THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **+ COMMUNION HYMN +**

#### *HWC 166 WE THREE KINGS*

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

#### **REFRAIN**

**Ref 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 all men raising Worship Him God on high.

**REFRAIN**

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

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 Peals through the earth and skies. **REFRAIN**

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*BENEDICTION*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G** Amen.

*THE DARKNESS TURNS TO DAWN* sts. 1, 3, 7

1 The darkness turns to dawn The dayspring shines from heaven  
For unto us a child is born To us a Son is given

3 God's Word of truth and grace Made flesh with us to dwell  
The brightness of the Father's face The child Emmanuel

7 And still God sheds abroad That love so strong to send  
A Savior who is Christ the Lord Whose reign shall never end

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