



The Epiphany Of Our Lord

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AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

LBW 82

Verse 1

***As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by thee.***

Verse 2

***As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with willing feet Ev-er seek thy mer-cy-seat!***

Verse 5

***In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.!***

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us now confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinners who have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with all our heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your wrath and punishment. Yet for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask you to have mercy on us; to forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I therefore convey to you God's full forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING:

1 KINGS 3:4-15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in

my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants!”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

*Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.*

HOLY GOSPEL:

LUKE 2:40-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

LSB 394

Verse 1

*Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je-sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Man-i-fest-ed by the star To the sa-ges from a-far,
Branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth-le-hem:
An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest..*

Verse 3

*Man-i-fest in mak-ing whole Pal-sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
Man-i-fest in val-iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev-il's might;
Man-i-fest in gra-cious will, Ev-er bring-ing good from ill;
An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest.*

Verse 5

*Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres-ent in Thy ho-ly Word---
Grace to im-i-tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might be-come like Thee At Thy great e-piph-a-ny
And may praise Thee, ev-er blest, God in man made man-i-fest.*

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SERMON

The Prayer of the Church

P: ...Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right and salutary...

SANCTUS

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God king of all creation...

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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.

AGNUS DEI

*O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
Have mer-cy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

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FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

LBW 51

Verse 1

*From heav'n a-bove to earth I come To bring good news to ev-'ry-one!
Glad ti-dings of great joy I bring To all the world, and glad-ly sing:*

Verse 2

*To you this night is born a child Of Mar-y, chosen virgin mild;
This new-born child, of low-ly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth.*

Verse 3

*This is the Christ, God's Son most high, Who hears your sad and bit-ter cry;
He will him-self your Sav-ior be And from all sin will set you free.*

Verse 12

*O dearest Jesus, holy child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A holy shrine, within my heart, That you and I need never part.*

Verse 14

*Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.*

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Verse 1

*The first No-el the angels did say Was to
Cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
they lay, keep-ing their sheep, On a cold win-ter's
night that was so deep.*

Refrain

No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el! Born is the King of Is-re-al.

Verse 2

*They look-ed up and saw a star Shin-ing
in the east be-yond them far; And to the
earth it gave great light, And so in con-tin-ued
both day and night. Refrain*

Verse 3

*And by the light of that same star Three
Wise Men came from count-ry far; To seek for a
king was their in-tent, and to fol-low the
star wher-ev-er it went.. Refrain*

Verse 4

*This star drew near to the northwest, O'er
Beth-le-hem it took its rest; And there it
Did both stop and stay Right o-ver the
Place where Je-sus lay. Refrain*

Text: English Carol, c. 17th cent. THE FIRST NOWELL

Tune: English Carol, c. 17th cent. irregular.

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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. **C: Amen.**

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

LSB 411

Verse 1

*I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to fol-low Je-sus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Je-sus.*

Refrain

*In Him there is no dark-ness at all.
The night and the day are both a-like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.*

Verse 2

*I want to see the bright-ness of God.
I want to look at Je-sus.
Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Fa-ther.. Refrain*

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P: Go forth to spread near and far the love of Christ our Lord!
C: Amen! We go forth in the name of the Lord. Amen!