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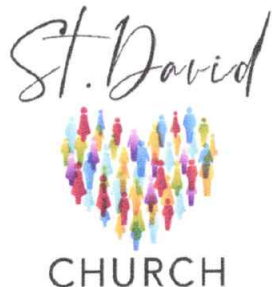
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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.



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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Sunday January 03, 2021

WELCOME and GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. [pause]

People: God of goodness and living kindness, **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbours. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

Presider: Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

People: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Presider: God who sends the Light into our world, who shines in the Bethlehem manger, and who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all.

People: And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together, the prayer of the day

People: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

STORY

Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

ACCLAMATION HYMN

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew

People: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**
Matthew 2: 1-12

Presider: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

ACCLAMATION HYMN

RESPONDING

Homily: Pastor Lori

HYMN OF THE DAY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presider: Let us together confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

People: **We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, as we pray,

People: **Shine Your everlasting light.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. As the Magi brought gifts, so we offer you our time, talent and treasure, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

Presider: And now as our Saviour taught us, let us pray saying:

People: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,

People: **whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day † through the Word made flesh.

People: **Amen.**

NEWS AND EVENTS

SENDING HYMN

Presider: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE – red book # 310

Verse 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 flesh made manifest.

Verse 2

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy God-head manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Verse 3

Manifest in making whole weakened body, 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 flesh made manifest.

Verse 4

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 flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth 1807-1885
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READINGS

Sunday Jan 03/21

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12

Sunday Jan10/20

Genesis 1: 1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19: 1-7
Mark 1: 4-11

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GATHERING HYMN

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY – red book # 275

Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

Verse 2

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night;
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

Verse 3

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations, you have seen His natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

Verse 4

All creation join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

Text: James Montgomery 1771-1854
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FAMILY PRAYER CYCLE

John & Joanna Anderson, Mya, Ben & George
Andrew Bates
Rick & Nancy Bates

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ARISE YOUR LIGHT HAS COME – red book # 314

Verse 1 before the gospel and verse 4 after the gospel

Verse 1

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Verse 4

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

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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HYMN OF THE DAY

BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS – red book # 303

Vs 1,2,3,5

Verse 1

Brightest and best of the stars in the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

Verse 2

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
maker and monarch and saviour of all.

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Verse 3

What shall we give him, in costly devotion?
Shall we bring incense and offerings divine,
gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Verse 5

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber 1783-1826

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OFFERTORY

WHAT CHILD IS THIS – red book # 296

Video offering by Brent Mayhew and Angela Lipp

Verse 1

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping.

Chorus

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Chorus

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
come peasant, king to own Him.
the King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus

Text: William C Dix, 1837-1898

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