

# Epiphany Sunday

## The 12th Day of Christmas



### AS WE GATHER

King Herod is filled with jealousy and rage when he hears about a new King born in Bethlehem. The Wise Men are filled with joy as they see the star that leads them to the ultimate source of joy, the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

### 397 As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
 There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
 So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.  
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.  
 All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.  
 There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

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### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### OPENING SCRIPTURES - THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

Pastor: Nations shall come to your light.

People: **Kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

*Isaiah 60:3*

Pastor: A multitude of camels shall come to you,

People: **They shall bring you gold and frankincense.**

*Isaiah 60:6*

Pastor: When the Magi saw the star,

People: **They rejoiced with great joy!**

*Matthew 2:10*

Pastor: They worshiped Him and offered Him gifts:

People: **Gold and frankincense and myrrh.**

*Matthew 2:11-12*

#### HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the Highest*

*LSB 154*

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

**G** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

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

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 72:1-2, 8-11*

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

<sup>2</sup>**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**

<sup>8</sup>May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

<sup>9</sup>**May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust!**

<sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

<sup>11</sup>**May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*Epiphany 3:6-12*

<sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*LSB 156*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:21*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here** *sts. 1-2, 5*

1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
 Δ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,  
 why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -  
 birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
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**THE SERMON**

**THE OFFERING** (*Offering plates are located in the back of the church.*)

**OFFERTORY 370 What Child Is This** *sts. 1, 3*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to  
 sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let  
 shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the  
 Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;  
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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**+ THE INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS +**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Gracious God, you once guided the Wise Men by means of a star to behold the  
 Christ. Guide us by Your Means of Grace, Word and Sacrament, to behold the  
 Christ, receive His forgiveness, and experience His joy. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As the people of God who are in this world but not of this world, we pray for all nations that there may be respect among all peoples that there may be peace on earth and goodwill between all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Hear the prayers of all who cry out to You who suffer illness or distress (especially...). Grant healing and comfort to all both in body and in soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

#### THE 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

Pastor: 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.

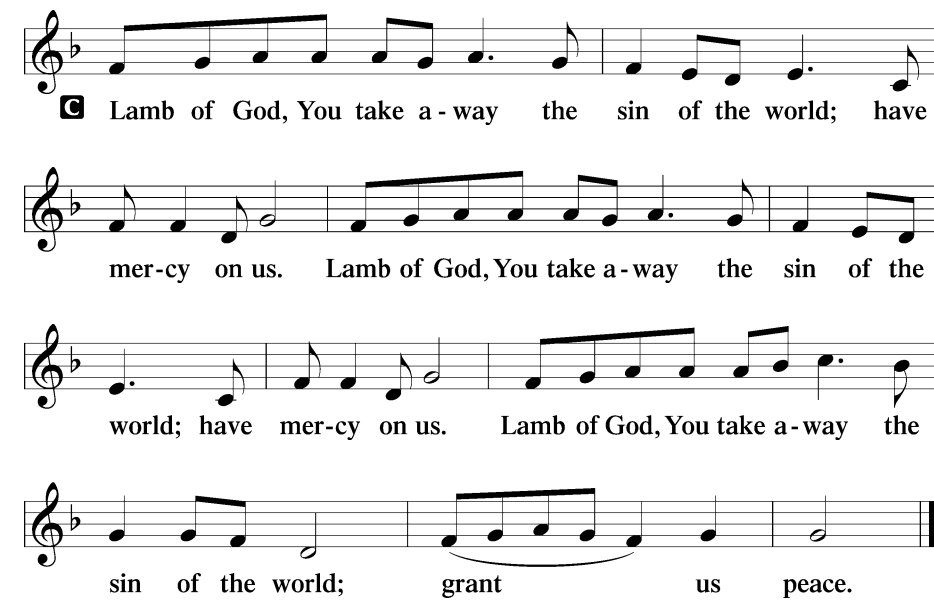
### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

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□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### THE DISTRIBUTION

### We Three Kings of Orient Are

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 light, 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, voices raising, worshiping God on 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]

### 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

sts. 1-4



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!  
from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.  
not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him

ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing

Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

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### 400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of f'rings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Thank the Lord**

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☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

**810 O God of God, O Light of Light**



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'  
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of  
wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions  
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our  
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,  
saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night  
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!  
earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry  
Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first - born  
So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.  
sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.  
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.  
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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