



A Service of the Word
for

THE SENT: God's Church Deployed
A shared online and outreach ministry.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

Opening Responsoy & Gathering of the Community

- One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
All And also with you.
One Let us pray.
We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Welcome

- Opening Hymn CP139 *The First Nowell*

Confession and Absolution

- One In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.
Most merciful God,
All we confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

- One This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.
All Amen.

The Peace

- One The peace of the Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Act of Praise

CP160

As with Gladness, Men of Old

Collect of the Day

One Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm

72:1-7, 10-14

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

Gradual Hymn

CP460 *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

One Let us confess our faith as we say,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He 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 to the dead. 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please respond to each petition ending "God of Wisdom, Glorious Light," with "... hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory Hymn

CP137

What Child is This

One Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

One Glory to God

All 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn

CP118

O Come All Ye Faithful

Dismissal

One Let us go forth rejoicing in the light of God's love.

All Thanks be to God.

First Reading: ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 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 proclaim the praise of the Lord.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

HEAR NOW A SELECTION FROM PSALM 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given

me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel MATTHEW 2:1-12

- 4:

The Lord be with you. And also with you. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of Christ. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP139

The First Nowell

1 The first nowell 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

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

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

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,

who has made heaven and earth of
nought,
and with his blood salvation bought.

Refrain

Act of Praise CP160

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 thy lowly manger-bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek the mercy-seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare;
so may we with joyful song,
raising voices pure and strong,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

4 In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

Gradual Hymn CP460

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word

Lord, and let there be light

2 Lord, I come to your awesome
presence,

From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your
brightness;

Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness,

Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your
story,

Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

Offertory Hymn CP137

What Child Is This

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?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

Closing Song CP118

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of
angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the
Lord.

2 God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created: *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in
exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest: *Refrain*

4 See how the shepherds, summoned to
his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly
fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful
footsteps; *Refrain*

[For Epiphany]

5a Led by the starlight, Magi, Christ
adoring,
offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
we to the Christ-child bring our hearts'
oblations. *Refrain*