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Online worship

Celebrating Epiphany



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Worship Bulletin

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GATHERING – *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

The First Noel

ELW 300
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

All: Amen.

WORD – *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

¹This is why I, Paul, am a prisoner of Christ for you Gentiles.

²You've heard, of course, about the responsibility to distribute God's grace, which God gave to me for you, right? ³God showed me his secret plan in a revelation, as I mentioned briefly before ⁴(when you read this, you'll understand my insight into the secret plan about Christ). ⁵Earlier generations didn't know this hidden plan that God has now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets through the Spirit. ⁶This plan is that the Gentiles would be coheirs and parts of the same body, and that they would share with the Jews in the promises of God in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷I became a servant of the gospel because of the grace that God showed me through the exercise of his power.

⁸God gave his grace to me, the least of all God's people, to preach the good news about the immeasurable riches of Christ to the Gentiles. ⁹God sent me to reveal the secret plan that had been hidden since the beginning of time by God, who created everything. ¹⁰God's purpose is now to show the rulers and powers in the heavens the many different varieties of his wisdom through the church. ¹¹This was consistent with the plan he had from the beginning of time that he accomplished through Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In Christ we have bold and confident access to God through faith in him.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"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.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON

PASTOR LUCY WYNARD

SONG OF THE DAY

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin | Daniel Carson
Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Ending

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

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APOSTLES CREED

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

**I 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 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You are encouraged to share your prayer concerns by typing a name or a few words in the comment box on YouTube or Facebook, or by saying the names aloud.

Intercessor: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

Intercessor: Glorious God, fill your church with joy. Let your faithful people live as beacons of your redemption. Give wisdom and courage to your church that it may speak with boldness and confidence, even when words or acts of mercy are met with indifference. As your body we pray.

All: Let us know you by your love.

Intercessor: Show us your faithfulness in the rising and setting of the sun. Place wonder into the hearts of those who search the skies and explore the heavens. Curb waste and pollution, that all might have clean air to breathe. As your body we pray.

All: Let us know you by your love.

Intercessor: Bring all nations and rulers to the splendor of your dawn. Raise up advocates who champion the cause of exploited and vulnerable people. Inspire leaders to be generous with abundance, that all people might live in stability and freedom. As your body we pray.

All: Let us know you by your love.

Intercessor: Come quickly with your healing power to all who seek love, support, and restoration. Dispel fears and shadows. Restore broken relationships and mend broken hearts. Bring relief to those who are sick or struggling, whether in body, mind, or relationship. We pray especially for those on our hearts, whom we name now... (... *pause about 10 seconds* ...) ... As your body we pray.

All: Let us know you by your love.

Intercessor: Send traveling mercies upon all who journey home by other roads. Guard refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers. Protect families fleeing conflict in their homelands or abuse in their homes. Tend to those who have no place to lay their heads. As your body we pray.

All: Let us know you by your love.

Intercessor: According to the boundless riches of Christ, you draw all your saints, from the least to the greatest, to your heavenly realm. As you created all things, make all things new again in the splendor of your glory. As your body we pray.

All: Let us know you by your love.

Intercessor: God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

You are invited – and encouraged – to continue to give as you are able in this time of worshipping apart. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul: 617 St. Lawrence Ave, Beloit, WI 53511. Or give online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>. Please check the eNews and newsletter for other ways to support God's Work, Our Hands in our community and around the world.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Take a moment to creatively share a sign of peace with those around you – observing safe distance guidelines. Think of others whom you wish a blessing of Christ's Peace this week.

Pray for them briefly, and consider texting, calling, or writing them a note this week.

SENDING – *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

SENDING SONG

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673

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SENDING BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pastor: 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.

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

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SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor

Organist & Director of Music

Reader

Intercessor

Rev. Lucy Wynard

David Frank

Rachel Wilson

Sharyn Pann

PRAYER LIST

Names will usually be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested. To have yourself or someone else added to the prayer list, please let us know.

***We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the families
and all who loved Roger Baker, who died on December 12,
and Charlotte Knaub, sister-in-law of Glenda Liptow, who died on January 3.***

May God comfort and sustain those who mourn.

Lynn (college friend of Jan K.); **Jane and Egil**; **Tom** (brother of Billie Kenitzer); **RL**; **Kathy P.**; **Karen M.**; **Juelane** (sister of Mark Mueller); **Larry & Shayne M.** (Soup Lunch friends of St. Paul); **Joyce E.**; **Carol M.**; **Steve H.**; **Timothy** (son of Gladys Weeden); **Carol W.** (sister of Beth Rodermel); **Shirley** (mother of Ken Harris); **Ashley**; **Debbie** (sister of Chet Organ); **Todd** (friend of Chet Organ); **all who have been diagnosed with or are waiting for test results or are otherwise affected by COVID-19; those affected by the violence in our nation and around the world; and friends and family in the military.**



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
meré in ms . . . pres - 'ence their . . . goat, . . . and



night that was so deep.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



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

Text: English traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where th
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where i
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing th
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing i



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

=: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796