

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.”⁷ Then 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.”⁹ 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. 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.

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Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed (ecumenical) p.14

Offering Prayer, Special Music

+Response *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
#41 (chorus)

O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Notes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts 2x

The whole world is full of God's glory 3x

Holy is the Lord!

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Going Into the World

+Hymn *What Star is This, With Beams So Bright* #68 (Alt. Tune)

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude



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+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice and give thanks for it!

L: Come and adore the savior of the nations.

P: We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

Let us pray: **Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord; who taught us to pray together: *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.

+Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* #29

Call to Confession

God judges the nations with righteousness, and answers the poor with justice. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. (Moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth, quenching

our thirst and cleansing us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response *Angels We Have Heard on High* #23 (chorus)

Gloria! In Excelsis Deo! Gloria! In Excelsis Deo!

+Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall

cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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.

Hymn *As With Gladness Men of Old* #63

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 In 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