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The Season of Epiphany Following the Light



1ST SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

January 9, 2022
(8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

WELCOME to worship! Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, when the light of Christ was revealed to the nations through the Wise Men. Throughout the service, we will sing music from around the world, celebrating God's Spirit poured out on all peoples.

GUESTS - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. Thank you for worshipping with us.

PRELUDE: *We Three Kings of Orient Are* by Carolyn Hamlin Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***The First Noel*** (Cornish Carol) #300 v. 1, 3-4

The first Noel 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: **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

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 wher-ev-er it went. (Refrain)

This star drew near to the northwest, o'er Beth-le-hem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay right o-ver the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (People read/sing **bold** words.)

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Gracious God,
Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE KYRIE (People sing refrain below. Cantor sings verses.)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Annette Fettis

(10am - Children may leave for Sunday school.)

THE FIRST LESSON: 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. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 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.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

#169



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.
(People sing Alleluia again.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the second chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

READING OF THE GOSPEL: 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, 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 our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SONG OF THE DAY: *In A Lowly Manger Born* (Japanese hymn)

#718 v. 1-3

**In a lowly manger born, humble life begun in scorn;
Under Joseph's watchful eye, Jesus grew as you and I;
Knew the sufferings of the weak, knew the patience of the meek,
Hungered as but poor folks can; this is he. Behold the man!**

**Visiting the lone and lost, steadying the tempest-tossed,
Giving of himself in love, calling minds to things above.
Sinners gladly hear his call; publicans before him fall,
For in him new life began; this is he. Behold the man!**

**Then, to rescue you and me, Jesus died upon the tree.
See in him God's love revealed; by his passion we are healed.
Now he lives in glory bright, lives again in pow'r and might;
Come and take the path he trod, son of Mary, son of God.**

THE MESSAGE: "*Light for the Nations*"

Intern Pastor Veronica Gould

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by J.S. Bach
Darius Miertschin, guitar

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each petition - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: *Lamb of God* #195

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Bread of Life from Heaven (Argentine trad. refrain) #474 v. 1-3, 5

Refrain: **Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,**
We eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat all of you and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. (Refrain)

Seek not the food that will pass away; set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come learn the true and the living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. (Refrain)

Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. (Refrain)

Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
Trust his return and with ev'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn. (Refrain)

That Priceless Grace (Ghanaian trad. melody) #591 v. 1-2, 4

That priceless grace, that priceless grace, that priceless grace, which gave me life:
Jesus' life is priceless grace. That priceless grace is life for me.

That priceless blood, that priceless blood, that priceless blood was shed for me:
Jesus' blood is priceless grace. That priceless grace is life for me.
That precious word, that precious word, that precious word, which brought me light:
Jesus' word is priceless grace. That priceless grace is life for me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (South African hymn) #866 vv. 1, 3, 4

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, We are marching, oh oh,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh oh,
We are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God...
We are moving in the power of God...

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Epiphany March on "Salzburg"* by F. D. Ashdown Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by John and Linda Friend in honor of family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade) during the 10am service starts up today. Sunday school attendees will leave the church service after the children's message for Sunday school and rejoin their families for Holy Communion.

NURSERY is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated and they will be wearing masks. They will be inside preschool room closest to the church.

CONFIRMATION (6th-8th graders) today, 11:15am. Questions, speak with a pastor or Youth Director Paige Gulck (youth@mygloriadei.org).

THANKS to Dr. Dennis Chernehoff for presiding at Holy Communion this morning while Pastor David is away.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Study begins for 2022 on Wednesday, January 12, 10am. All women are invited to meet in the Sanctuary & refreshments will be served early.

GOD SQUAD (3rd - 5th Graders) - LaserLand - Wednesday, January 12, 4pm. Meet at LaserLand (27741 Crown Valley #315A, Mission Viejo) followed by pizza. Contact the office or email Barb Collins if attending - sundayschool@mygloriadei.org. As always, feel free to invite a friend!

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - Practice is on Thursdays at 7:30pm for one hour in the Sanctuary. We will resume practice on January 13, 2022. At this time, choral masks are provided. For details - Kathy Person: music@mygloriadei.org.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *3rd Monday/month at 2pm*. Group meets in Knudson Hall. Next meeting is on January 17 and we are reading *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. If interested in joining, please contact the office at 949-493-3414.

SR. HIGH BOWLING BONANZA - Friday, January 21, 7:00 p.m. Are you ready to be bowled over with laughter? Meet at Saddleback Lanes and join us for one of our favorites! Details, speak with Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org)

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI: See the sign-up at the Welcome Table. There are two ways to join: Attend the Adult Inquiry Class (Saturday, Jan. 22, 9am) or transfer membership from another Lutheran congregation. The Adult Inquiry Class covers the "basics" of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. To both groups, there will be a get-to-know-you brunch on Saturday, January 22, 11:15am. New Members will be officially received during worship - Sunday, January 30.

FAITH ON TAP - 21+ years of age. This 20-something group plans to meet the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm to have discussions which tap into their faith. They will be meeting at Station Craft on January 25th at 6pm.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP - Meets the last Tuesday/month, 7pm. Meeting in person at O'Neill's Bar & Grill (26772 Avery Parkway, Mission Viejo/Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course). Reading *The Night Portrait* & will meet on January 25. For information contact the church office.

MEN'S RETREAT - SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL (Tempe): Annual event takes place March 4-6, 2022. Sign-up for this popular, first-come-first-served event today! Questions, speak with Pastor David.

OFFERING - Please place check/money in boxes, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - [Venmo](#) app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. Alternatively, you can give via [credit card or debit card](#) through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

DEVOTIONALS - Pick up a copy of "Christ in Our Home", January - March 2022, at the Welcome Table.

GLORIA DEI COOK BOOK - Pick up your copy at the church office. Contact Carol Weinhardt at 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. Thanks to all for your contributions.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER AID - Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas is interviewing for a part time position, 15 hours per week, working in the three year old classroom. If interested in applying, please contact her at preschool@mygloriadei.org.

UPCOMING: Annual Meeting/Ministry Celebration (February 6); Ash Wednesday (March 2); Concordia College Choir from Minnesota in Concert (March 2, 7pm)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 9 - 15, 2022

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Sunday School (10am only); Confirmation Class (11:15am); NA Meeting(6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Len Michel's Graveside Service in Riverside (11:30am); Alanon (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); God Squad Laser Tag (4pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Virginia Lee Boyd Memorial (11am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee: Martyn & Vanessa Frost; Communion: John Adams & Henri Nurminen; Lector: Christian Asis; Usher: Tim Boyd & Matt Dubow; Welcome Table: Gail Rightmire

10am: Coffee: Lisa Mers; Communion: Betty Prock & Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike; Lector: Shannon Schroeder; Usher: Katherine Dickinson; Welcome Table: Sharon Grady

5pm: Communion & Lector: Bill Ramsey