

Epiphany:

Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

8:30 – January 3, 2016

PRELUDE “As With Gladness Men of Old”

arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “The First Noel”

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 60:1-9** [NIV 84]

¹“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ²See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. ⁵Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD. ⁷All Kedar’s flocks will be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve you; they will be accepted as offerings on my altar, and I will adorn my glorious temple. ⁸“Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests? ⁹Surely the islands look to me; in the lead are the ships of Tarshish, bringing your sons from afar, with their silver and gold, to the honor of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” [LW 73, v. 1]

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 2:1-12** [NIV 84]

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶“ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’ ”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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SERMON HYMN “We Three Kings”

SERMON “A WISE LETTER”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“I Want to Walk as Child of the Light” [LSB 411]

“As with Gladness Men of Old” [LW 75, v. 1-4]

“O Jesus, King of Glory” [LW 79]

POST-COMMUNION HYMN “O God of God, O Light of Light” [*LW 83, v. 1 & 4*]

CONNECT

- **Un-Decorating Day** | Today following Worship | Light lunch provided
- **Choirs Resume** | January 5 (Handbells) & January 6 (Children & Adult Choirs)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Three Kings March”

arr. Michael Baker

SERMON: *Rev. James R. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*