



Epiphany:

Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

January 1, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 63:7-9 [NIV]

⁷I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us—yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. ⁸He said, “Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me”; and so he became their Savior. ⁹In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia” [p. 1634]

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12 [NIV]

¹After 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 when it rose 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 peoples chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah 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 shepherd 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 search carefully 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 when it rose 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, frankincense and 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!**

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

SERMON “FOLLOWING THE STAR”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Praise and Thanksgiving** to Madison and Miles (grandchildren of Judi Mitchell) – married on Saturday, December 31.

•**Wisdom** and **courage** to our Elected Officials and our Military.

•**Mission of the Month** – Gideon's International

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

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” [LW 62]

“Silent Night, Holy Night” [LW 68]

“O God of God, O Light of Light” [LW 83]

CLOSING HYMN “Joy to the World” [LW 53, v. 1 & 4]

CONNECT

- **Church Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3 @ 8:00am**
- **Youth Night & Confirmation Resume on Wednesday, January 4 @ 7:00pm**
- **Choirs Resume | January 10 (Handbells) & January 11 (Children & Adult Choirs)**

*For information on when our weekly Bible Studies resume,
check out the calendar on our website.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERMON & LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

GUEST ORGANIST: *Julane Swank*



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