

January 3, 2016 — Epiphany Sunday

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude *Two Settings of "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"*
Paul Manz (1919-2009); Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Introit *Now May We Singen* Cecilia McDowall
Sanctuary Choir Section Leaders (b.1951)

* **Call to Worship** Rev. Karen L. Lang

Leader: Rulers and nations
Weak and powerful

All: All are coming to meet with God.

Leader: Sons and daughters
Rich and needy

All: All are coming to meet with God.

Leader: Strong and mighty
Weak and gentle

All: All are coming to meet with God.

Leader: Light of the World
Shining in darkness

Seen by those who love you
Found by those who seek you

All: All are coming to worship you.

(Adapted from a liturgy by Ruth Burgess in her collection *Hay and Stardust*.)

* **Prayer of Adoration**

*+ **Processional Hymn #63** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Beckoning God, at the dawning of this new year, we want to be wise. We want to be guided by your light, instructed by your word, awed by your incarnation.

All: We confess, Lord, that we have been foolish. Following the light of our own ambition, we have been blind to your light drawing us to find you in humble places. Attentive to voices of commerce and contention, we have been deaf to your eternal Word calling us to justice and peace. Dazzled and distracted by glittering gadgets we have failed to honor your presence in others. Make us wise Lord, that we might seek you, find you and serve you with all the days that are before us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* Those who are able may stand. + Latecomers may be seated.



Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out one of the "welcome" cards in the pew rack so we may greet you and respond to any questions you might have.

INTROIT

Now May We Singen

This Babe to us that now is born,
Wonderful works He hath ywrought [made],
He would not loss what was forlorn [lost],
But boldly again it brought;
And thus it is Forsooth ywis [in truth indeed],
He asketh nought but that it is His.
Now may we singen,
now may we singen as it is.
Quod puer natus est nobis
[because a boy is born to us].

This bargain loved He right well,
The price was high and bought full dear.
Who would suffer and for us feel
As did the Prince of Peace withouten peer?
Refrain

His ransom for us hath ypaid;
Good reason have we to be His.
Be mercy asked and He be prayed,
Who may deserve the heavenly bliss.
Refrain

To some purpose God made man;
I trust well to salvation.
What was his blood that from him ran
But fence against damnation?
Refrain

Almighty God in Trinity,
Thy mercy we pray with whole heart,
Thy mercy may all woe make fell
And dangerous dread from us to start.
Refrain

Text: 15th century English

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lighting of the Candles: Kate Peterson,
Ryan Herris

Baptismal Water: Karl Snider

Bread & Wine:

9:30 - Trad and Isabella Ireland

Holy Family:

Mary - Eliza Gordner
Joseph - Louis Gordner
Baby Jesus - Teddy Gordner
Lamb - Liam Gordner

Magi: Zach Goempel, Trinity Hollins,
A.J. Wilson

OFFERTORY

The Rune of Hospitality

I saw a stranger yestere'en;
I put food in the eating place,
 Drink in the drinking place,
 Music in the listening place;
And in the sacred names of the Triune
He blessed me and my house,
 My cattle and my dear ones.
And the lark said in her song:
 Often, often, often,
Goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

Text: from the Gaelic

OFFERTORY NOTE

A rune is a written character that was used in northern European cultures before the use of the Latin alphabet. This text references Jesus' teaching of the disciples in Matthew 25:31-46 in which he reminds them that when we feed, clothe and welcome the stranger – the 'least of the members of Christ's family – we do it unto Christ himself.

HYMN #53

What Child Is This is taken from a longer poem, *The Manger Throne* written c. 1865. The author, William Chatterton Dix, wrote the poem after reading gospel lessons describing the visits to the manger by the magi and the shepherds. The first two stanzas ask the questions, "What child is this?" and "Why lies he in such mean estate?" The questions are answered by the refrain: "This is Christ the King." The wise-men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We respond in stanza three with the offering of our hearts.
"Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him...
...the babe, the son of Mary!"

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

At 9:30: Communion is by intinction. Please exit your pew on the right side, come to the front, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake and return to your pew on the left side. After communion is served to those who come forward, the servers will come down the aisles to serve those who prefer to receive Communion in their pew. Gluten-free rice wafers are available at the communion station below the pulpit.

News Within the Church Family

Hospitalized:
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Deaths:
Sandy Shaw

* **Response of Praise**

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

* **Hymn #53**

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

**Ritual of Friendship
and Concerns of the Church**

Dr. John R. Koppitch

We Experience God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Keaton Denstoff

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

(p. 676)

Anthem

In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Matthew Culloton

(b. 1976)

Second Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

(p. 877)

Sermon

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

"A Thousand Herods, but Only One Jesus"

*"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.'"*

(MATTHEW 2:8)

We Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) (Hymnal p. 14)

Offertory

The Rune of Hospitality

Alf Houkom

(b. 1935)

The Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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Sanctus

MEDELSSOHN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,
 hea - ven and the earth are full of your glo - ry, love, and light.
 With the an - gel choirs we raise loud ho - san - nas, hymns of praise:
 Bles - sed is the one who comes in your ho - ly name, O Lord.
 Bles - sed is the one who comes in your ho - ly name, O Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Hymnal p.16)

Breaking of the Bread and the Passing of the Cup

Communion Anthem *In the Bleak Midwinter* Harold Darke (1888-1976)

The Communion Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

Children's Epiphany Procession

Closing Hymn #66 *We Three Kings* THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
 (Congregation remains seated to sing the first and last verses and the refrain after each verse. Soloists sing verses 2-4.)

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** *A Christmas Blessing* Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

* **Postlude** *Toccata* William Mathias (1934-1992)

COMMUNION ATHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
 earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
 snow had fallen, snow on snow,
 snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter
 long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him,
 nor earth sustain
 Heav'n and earth shall flee away
 when He comes to reign.
 In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
 The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship
 night and day,
 A breast full of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
 Enough for Him, whom angels, fall down
 before,
 The ox and ass and camel, which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
 If I were a wise man I would do my part;
 Yet what can I give Him: give my heart.
 Give my heart.

--Christina Rossetti

CHILDREN'S EPIPHANY PARADE

Children from our Sunday School classes join the kings as they follow the star to Bethlehem. This morning, the children have talked with their Sunday School teachers about gifts they can offer the Christ Child and recorded their gifts on paper hearts. As they adore the new born King, they will offer him these precious gifts.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Christmas Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
 the gladness of the shepherds,
 the worship of the wisemen and
 the peace of the Christ child
 be yours this Christmas.

May Christ, who by his incarnation
 gathered into one
 all things earthly, all things heavenly,
 and fill you with joy and peace.

And the blessing of God the Father and the
 Son and the Holy Spirit
 be with you and remain with you always.
 Amen.

--Book of Common Prayer, Church of Ireland/
 adapted Stopford

**A SERVICE OF HOLY
 COMMUNION AND
 WHOLENESS**

10:35 a.m. in Milner Chapel
 Rev. David A. Berry