

Worship Bulletin
January 3, 2021
Epiphany of the Lord

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

All: **Behold the glory of the Lord. Alleluia!**

Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take pity on the weak and the destitute, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed, but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war.

Forgive us we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving grace...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Seeking the Child

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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Prayer of the People

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response *Doxology*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

While We Are Waiting, Come