

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

January 7, 2024

AS WE GATHER: The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas; and yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the Incarnation of our Lord—that is, on God becoming flesh—the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth—not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word, to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6). With gold they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

INTROIT Ps. 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

**Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!**

May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

***Confession/Absolution:** LSB 184

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***Alleluia and Verse** LSB 190

***Holy Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

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***Apostles’ Creed:** LSB 192

Sermon Hymn: **LSB 410**
“Within the Father’s House”

Sermon

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***Lord’s Prayer:** LSB 196

***Benediction:** LSB 202

Closing Hymn: **LSB 397**



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***COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Pastor: O God,

People: by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

PSALM 24 (responsively)

antiphon: v. 7

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**The earth is the LORD’S and the fullness thereof.
the world and those who dwell therein,**

for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

**Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does
not swear deceitfully.

**He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient
doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in
battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient
doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

