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## THE PRELUDE

**Organist:** Jean Loberger

*In remembrance and honor of the Advent, Christmas, New Years, and celebration of Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup> we will sing a medley of various hymns.*

## PRAISE SONG

*The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away*

**TLH#125**

**1** The old year now hath passed away;  
We thank Thee, O our God, today  
That Thou hast kept us through the year  
When danger and distress were near.

**6** There shall we thank Thee and adore  
With all the angels evermore.  
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith  
To praise Thy Name through life and  
death.

**2** We pray Thee, O eternal Son,  
Who with the Father reign'st as One,  
To guard and rule Thy Christendom  
Through all the ages yet to come.

*Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

**TLH#102**

**1** Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing;  
Come, see in the manger our Savior and King  
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;  
Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him,

**2** Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!  
True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;  
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.  
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;  
Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

## \*THE INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## \*RESPONSIVE PSALM: *Psalms 72:1-11*

**P** <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

**C** <sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

**P** <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

**C** <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

- P** <sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- C** <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- P** <sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- C** <sup>8</sup>May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- P** <sup>9</sup>May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust!
- C** <sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! <sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
- C** O God, 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.

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**LSB#338**

**1** Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
 Born to set Thy people free;  
 From our fears and sins release us;  
 Let us find our rest in Thee.  
 Israel's strength and consolation,  
 Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
 Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
 Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

**2** Born Thy people to deliver;  
 Born a child and yet a king!  
 Born to reign in us forever,  
 Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
 By Thine own eternal Spirit  
 Rule in all our hearts alone;  
 By Thine all-sufficient merit  
 Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 60:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

**LSB#393**

1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new  
Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.  
Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

**EPISTLE READING:** *Ephesians 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**1** What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels  
sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

**3** So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

**\*HOLY GOSPEL:** *Matthew 2:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **\*NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **SERMON HYMN**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

**1 We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain  
Following yonder star.**

*O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light*

**2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again,**

**King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign. Refrain**

**3 Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshiping God on high. Refrain**

**4 Myrrh is mine; its better perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain**

## **SERMON**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

**5. Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Sounds thru the earth and skies.**

*O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light*

## **OFFERING**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*LORDS PRAYER** [Tune: Midnight Clear]

**Our Father, Lord in heav'n's high throne,  
Most holy be Your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done  
One earth in heav'n the same.  
Give us this day the food we need;  
Forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do no lead;  
From evil set us free  
Yours is the kingdom; unto You  
In grateful love we bow;  
And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view  
Your mighty presence now  
The glory Yours, Your praise be sung  
Through-out the world again  
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue  
For-ever-more, Amen!**

**\*HOLY COMMUNION**

[Tune: I Heard the Bells]

**C** The night Lord Jesus was betrayed  
He took the bread, and when He'd prayed,  
He broke and gave them of the bread  
And unto His disciples said:

**P** "Take and eat; this is My body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**C** Then, when the sacred meal was o'er,  
Our blessed Savior spoke once more:  
He offered thanks, and lifted up,  
To give to all, the blessed cup:

**P** "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament of My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**LSB#361**

**1** O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

**4** O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

**1** Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
 Let earth receive her King;  
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
 And heav'n and nature sing,  
 And heav'n and nature sing,  
 And heav'n, and heav'n and nature  
 sing.

**4** He rules the world with truth and grace  
 And makes the nations prove  
 The glories of His righteousness  
 And wonders of His love,  
 And wonders of His love,  
 And wonders, wonders of His love.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**LSB#427**

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the  
 o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no  
 sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.