

SUNDAY 8:00



THE EPIPHANY  
OF OUR LORD

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Sunday, January 10, 2021 DIVINE SERVICE — SETTING FOUR

## WELCOME AND THEME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

*(stand)*

OPENING HYMN

*“The People that in Darkness Sat”*

LSB 412, vv. 1-3

The people that in darkness sat a glorious light have seen;  
the light has shined on them who long in shades of death have been,  
in shades of death have been.

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, the gath’ring nations come;  
they joy as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home,  
their harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is giv’n,  
and on His shoulder ever rests all pow’r in earth and heav’n,  
all pow’r in earth and heav’n.

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)*

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

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]*

**P** Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**C** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

**P** All the nations shall come to the light of Christ.

**C** Kings shall bring Him gifts.

**P** For Christ reveals the mystery hidden through the ages,

**C** that all nations are partakers of the promise in Jesus Christ.

*(sit)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have created division and discord. We have hidden the light of Christ from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us with the light of Christ, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Amen.

*A time of quiet to reflect on our need for God's forgiveness.*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, Jesus, into our world to shine as a light for all people, including you. Jesus has died for your sins and is risen for your righteousness. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore announce to you the full and free forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen. We are partakers of the promise. We are forgiven in Christ.

RESPONSE VERSE                    *"The People that in Darkness Sat"*                    LSB 412, v. 4

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counselor,  
the God by all adored,  
the God by all adored.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. <sup>2</sup>See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>"Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. <sup>5</sup>Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. <sup>6</sup>Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup>Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup>In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup>I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of His power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup>His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup>according to His eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(stand)*

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, "Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

*<sup>6</sup>“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 be the shepherd of My people Israel.”*

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him.”

<sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup>On 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 and of incense and of myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And 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** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

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**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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(sit)*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON HYMN

*“The People that in Darkness Sat”*

LSB 412, vv. 5-6

**His righteous government and pow’r shall over all extend;  
on judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, and make us Thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art and Holy Spirit, one, and Holy Spirit, one.**

*(stand)*

## PRAYERS

*(After each petition:)*

- P** Light of the world,  
**C** dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.

*(The prayer concludes:)*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**All:** 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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- P** Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

*(sit)*

## DISTRIBUTION

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*(stand)***BENEDICTION**

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord lift His countenance upon you  
 and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**      *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*      LSB 394, vv. 1, 4, & 5

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
 branch of royal David’s stem in Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
 anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be, stars shall fall, the heav’ns shall flee;  
 Christ will then like lightning shine, all will see His glorious sign;  
 all will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Judge appear;  
 Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, present in Thy holy Word—  
 grace to imitate Thee now and be pure as pure art Thou;  
 that we might become like Thee at Thy great epiphany  
 and may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

*(sit)*

**P** We enter to worship;

**C** We exit to witness.



## REGARDING THANK OFFERINGS

**To our Guests** – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

**To our Members** – Our offerings and tithes are our acknowledgment that God has given us all that we have. We return to Him a portion that helps build His Kingdom on earth through the ministries of this congregation.

**Offerings can be given in the following ways:**

- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit.
- Go to [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org) and click on “Give” at the top of the page and follow directions from there.
- *Simply Giving* (for Thrivent members): go to [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org), click on “resources,” and complete the *Simply Giving* form.
- Drop off or mail to the church office.

## THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING

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