

## 100THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 2, 2022  
The Epiphany of the Lord

### *God's People Gather*

The Chimes

*The chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, who calls us together, has come among us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and has given us the Holy Spirit.*

The Gathering

Courtney Stamey

The Prelude

Variations on PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
"What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright" arr. Hal Hopson

The Summons

Susan Meadors

Moonless darkness stands between.

Past, the Past, no more be seen!

**But the Bethlehem star may lead me**

**To the sight of Him who freed me**

**From the self that I have been.**

Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy;

Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly;

**Now beginning, and alway:**

**Now begin, on Christmas day.**

"Moonless Darkness Stands Between," Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844-1889

### *To Praise the Living God*

\*The Processional Hymn 151

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are. Bearing gifts we traverse afar.

Field and fountain moor and mountain. Following yonder star. *[Refrain]*

Refrain: O star of wonder star of night. Star with royal beauty bright.

Westward leading still proceeding. Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain. Gold I bring to crown Him again.

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

\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Margaret Drummond

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. Amen.

### *To Listen for God's Word*

The Witness of Scripture: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Eph. 3:1-12

Margaret Drummond

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*The Hymn 148

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

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

Why lies He in such mean estate. Where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here. The silent Word is pleading  
Nails, spears shall pierce Him through. The cross be borne for me for you  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh. The Babe the Son of Mary

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

The Children's Time

Courtney Stamey

\*The Witness of the Gospels: Matthew 2:1-12

Margaret Drummond

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end, Amen, Amen.

The Responsive Reading of Scripture: Isa. 60:1-6

Susan Meadors

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;**

**but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.**

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;**

**your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.**

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the

abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations

shall come to you. 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.**

\*The Hymn 96                      I want to Walk as a Child of the Light                      HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *[Refrain]*

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path. And show me the way to the Father.  
*[Refrain]*

The Confession of Sin    Courtney Stamey  
**Loving God, who came to us, even us, in living breathing flesh. Forgive us for not recognizing you. Humble us, and open our hearts. Teach us to give you the gift you desired, our souls.**

The Assurance of Pardon  
As the star guided the Magi, we are guided back to Christ. We are surrounded in mercy. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Sermon                                      Not All That Glitters is Gold                                      Courtney Stamey  
***And to Respond in Faith***

The Pastoral Prayer    Susan Meadors

The Celebration of Communion

Leader 1    We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**People    Thanks be to God for this holy gift.**

Leader 2    In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Great is the mystery of faith.

**People    Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader 1    Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**All:        Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

\*The Hymn of Response 155    We are Singing for the Lord is Our Light    SIYAHAMBA

We are singing for the Lord is our light. We are singing for the Lord is our light *[Repeat]*

We are singing oh. We are singing for the Lord is our light *[Repeat]*

The Affirmation of Christian Decision

**We affirm you in your Christian decision and celebrate your place in the family of God. We accept our responsibility to help you grow into the fullness of Christ. We offer ourselves to be your family, to surround you with God's kind of love. Amen**

\*The Offering Prayer

**For all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all this good earth, for all you will do with what we have given, and for all the graces you extend, we thank you, Lord. Amen.**

\*Doxology    OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

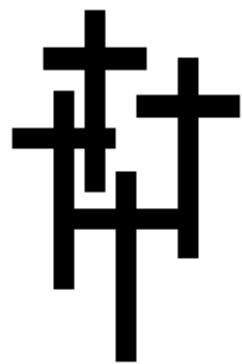
\*Blessing and Sending

Courtney Stamey

\*Please stand as you are able.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the king and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of the Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild nations,  
to bring peace among people,  
to make music in the heart.

-Howard Thurman, *The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations*



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