

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

The Epiphany of the Lord
Friday, January 5, 2024 + 7:00 p.m.

The Feast of Lights

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

March of the Magi Kings

—Theodore Dubois (1837–1924)

OPENING SENTENCES *Standing, all who are able.*

Reader: In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

ENTRANCE HYMN “O come, all ye faithful”

Remain standing; everyone sings stanzas 1, 2, & 3.



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from _____ God, _____ Light from Light e - ter - nal, _____
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, _____



come ye, O come _____ ye to Beth - le - hem;
lo! he ab - hors _____ not the Vir - gin's womb;
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;



come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
on - ly - be - got - ten Son _____ of the Fa - ther;
glo - ry to God, _____ glo - ry in the high - est;



Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

CANTICLE 11 *Remain standing.*

Reader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

People: For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

Reader: But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

People: Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Reader: Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.

People: They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Reader: Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.

People: You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.

Reader: The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

People: The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The people may be seated for the readings and hymns.

HYMN “O little town of Bethlehem” *Everyone sings stanzas 1 & 2.*



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how stil we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

HYMN “We three kings”

The Magi sing the verses; everyone sings the refrain after stanzas 1 and 5.

Refrain

O ————— star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

HYMN “Brightest and best of the stars of the morning” *Everyone sings verse 1.*



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

HYMN "I sing a song of the saints of God" *Everyone sings stanzas 1 and 3.*



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____

3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____

hund - reds of thou - sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____

joy - ous saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -

meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the _____ green: they were all of them saints of _____

or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of _____ God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.

folk like _____ me, and I mean to be one too.

HYMN “As with gladness men of old” *Standing; everyone sings stanzas 1, 2, & 3.*



1 As with glad - ness seers of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to — bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.

THE PRAYERS *Remain standing.*

Leader: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Leader: O God and Father of All, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People: Amen.

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