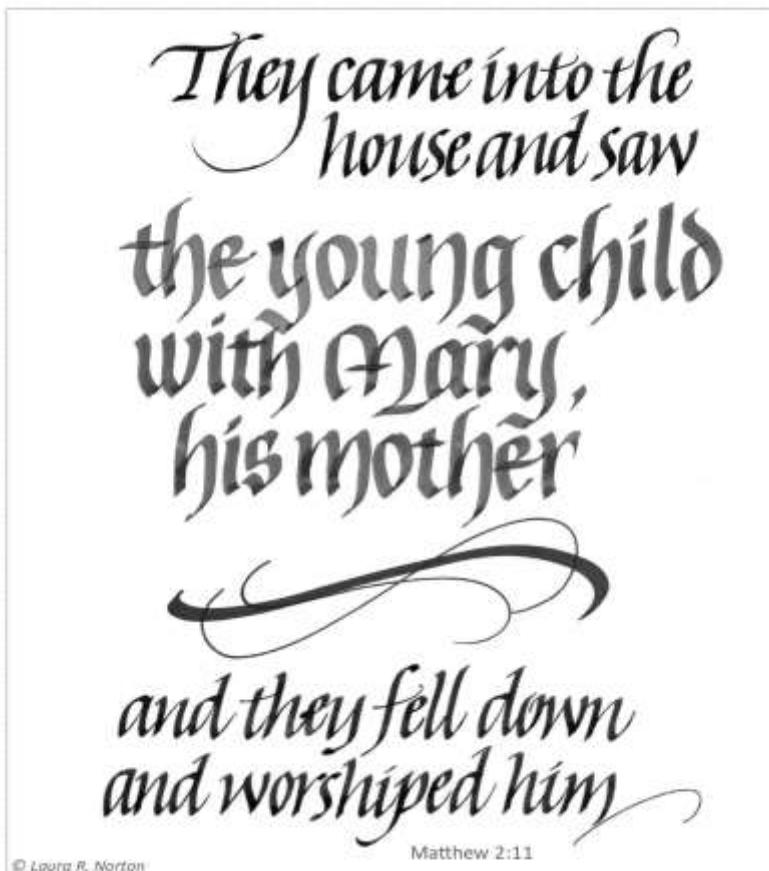


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January 6, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Epiphany of the Lord

ORDER OF SERVICE

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING

*Standing to praise God.

Bolded words are spoken by the congregation.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

CALL OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Morning Prayer – Peter I. Tchaikovsky
Roy Campbell

(Please enter into a time of centering silence during the Prelude).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Sing a New Song to the Lord - Chas. Hutchinson Gabriel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Come, Let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Congregation: The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.

Leader: Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

Congregation: We too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

Leader: Come, Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

Congregation: God's Light of Love is shining upon us. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN

*HYMN

#267 Morning has Broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all. Arise and Shine. Follow the star. Find the light of the world born in Bethlehem...and be transformed from darkness into light.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-9
Matthew 2: 1-12

Lector:

Vicki Marchant
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN

#148 We Three Kings of Orient Are (verses 3 and 4)

(Congregation remains seated)

SERMON

Rev. Philomena Hare

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Call to Communion

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: We do praise and bless you, Eternal God, for creation, and for the gift of life, and for your abiding love which always seeks to hold us close to you. We thank you that at the right time you sent Jesus Christ, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death because of his love. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your Church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we celebrate your glory by singing your praise.

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thee!
Heaven and earth are praising thee!
O Lord most high! Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayers of Consecration

THE LORD'S PRAYER: 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

The Gift of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

We give you thanks, O God, for inviting us to this table where we have been promised the gifts of the Spirit, giving us courage and strength to be your people in the world. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Gluten free is available. Grape juice and not wine is served to all)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks – Don Moen

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Another Year of Grace – Austin Lovelace

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (in the aisle seats) so we may greet each other by name. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please add your contact information.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER/MORNING PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN

#501 In Christ There is no East or West (verses 1-4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine - Harry Dixon Loes.

You are invited to keep this copy of the worship bulletin and take it home with you to share with another member of your family, or with a friend.

Sermon notes

(This space is intentionally left blank should you like to take notes on the service)
