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Epiphany Sunday

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

“Epiphany - Melody”

Osman

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship**

L: My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the King.

P: In Your majesty, ride out victoriously, for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness.

L: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

P: The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness.

L: You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

***Hymn “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” RED #21**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Israel and our God, help us come to you first in a spirit of repentance, but leave in a spirit of joy and wonder, as we remind each other of your great love and utmost sacrifice to make us one people, so we might bring others to you. Help us open our hearts and conform our minds and wills to be like you in every way. Forgive us when we stray from that calling, and bring us back to you now and each time we come to confess. Amen.

Time of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”*

PH #579

Chancel Choir *“Shining Star, Holy Star”*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Robert Lackie

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon *“The Mystery, Hidden for Ages”* Robert Lackie
[Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn *“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”* RED #248

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

