



An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.
“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

Epiphany Sunday

11am., Zoom, January 2, 2021

Words of Welcome

Leah Davis

Call to Worship

Michael Catlett

Arise! Shine! God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine! The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine! For the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us worship God!

Morning Prayer

Michael Catlett

Hymn No. 151

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Lesson from the Prophets

Isaiah 60:1–6, 11[♦]

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Quiet Time

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Leah Davis

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.

Lesson from the Gospels

Matthew 2:1–12[♦]

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Now Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod. Suddenly sages from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the one born king of the Judeans? For we have seen his star at its ascent and have come to reverence him.” When King Herod heard this, he was shaken, and all Jerusalem with him; then calling together all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah would be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea: for it has been written by the prophets: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, by no means are least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod secretly called for the sages and learned from them the time when the star appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go, search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and reverence him.” When they had heard the king they left, and there suddenly was the star they had seen at its ascent going before them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they rejoiced; their joy was exuberant. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and revered him. Then opening their treasure, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another direction.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Arise! Shine!

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Communion

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We will celebrate communion together, remembering we are connected even though we are apart. Bring your own elements to worship and remember that you are Beloved.

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings,
mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Invitation to Give & Serve

Michael Catlett

Benediction

Leah Davis

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