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Processional Hymn "We Three Kings"

tune: 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*

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising all are raising, worship Him, God most high. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes of life of gathering gloom,
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

Glorious now behold Him arise King and God and Sacrifice,
Alleluia, Alleluia, earth to heav'n replies. *Refrain*

Kyrie and Gloria

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Collect of the Day

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *The Future Glory of Israel*

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle *The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed*

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

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

Verse

Matthew 2:2b

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Where is He who has been born king | of the Jews?*

For we saw His star when it rose and have come to | worship Him.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *The Visit of the Wise Men*

Matthew 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

LSB 395

Sermon “He’ll Make You A Star!”

Ephesians 3:1-12

Offering *As With Gladness Men of Old* arr. John Leavitt
to follow text, see LSB 397, sts. 1, 3, 5

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Prayer of the Church

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Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P *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.*

C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Distribution

“The Star Proclaims the King is Here” LSB 399

“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing” tune: JOYOUS LIGHT

**Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, in Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You, in Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You, thankful for the grace You give.**

**Once far off but now invited, we approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united, reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages, see the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages, myst'ry great of love divine.**

**Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, grateful anthems ever raise.**

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Recessional Hymn “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” LSB 400

Postlude