

**The Epiphany of Our Lord**  
**January 6, 2024**  
**Divine Service, Setting Three, p. 184**

**Prelude** *The First Noel* arr. John Stainer  
*congregation sings refrain:* **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel**  
**Born is the King of Israel.**

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**Confession and Absolution** (*stand*)

**Entrance Hymn** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" LSB 395, sts. 1-2

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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.** (*sit*)

**Old Testament** *The Future Glory of Israel* Isaiah 60:1-6

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

<sup>2</sup>For 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.

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

<sup>4</sup>Lift 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.

<sup>5</sup>Then 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.

<sup>6</sup>A 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

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you

can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which 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. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of 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. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day** (*stand*)

Matthew 2:2b

C **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

A 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.

C **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 to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "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." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"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."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And 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." <sup>9</sup>After 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>And 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 to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day** (*sit*) "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB 395, sts. 3-6

**Sermon** "Where Is He?"

Matthew 2:1-12

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**Offering** (*sit*)

**Offertory** (*stand*)

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**Closing Hymn** "We Three Kings" tune: KINGS OF ORIENT

*All* **We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar;  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star. Refrain**

*Refrain*

*All* **O Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light.**

*Solo* Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again;  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign. *Refrain*

*Solo* Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God most high. *Refrain*

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

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

**Postlude**