

Preparation Hymn CP 48

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Tune: Picardy

Hymn during Communion CP 314

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.

Sing praises all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord

Sending Hymn CP 158

Earth Has Many a Noble City

Tune: Stuttgart

Postlude: *Allegro in B-flat from Six Clavier Sonatas*
Johann Wilhelm Hässler (1747-1822)

The Cathedral Church of All Saints

Epiphany Sunday



*We observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.*

January 5, 2025

Instrumental Prelude: *The Entrance of the Kings
from Amahl and the Night Visitors* Gian-Carlo Menotti
(1911-2007)

Welcome

Opening Hymn: CP 159 *Brightest and Best*
Tune: Stella Orientis

Collect

**Almighty and everliving God,
you revealed the incarnation of your Son
by the brilliant shining of a star.
Shine the light of your justice
in our hearts and over all lands,
and accept our lives as the treasure we offer
in your praise and for your service;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 2006 alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of
God as it comes to us in the reading of
Holy Scripture.

All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (60:1-9)

A Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany

I wonder sometimes
If one of the stars that lit Abraham's night
Was the one that led the Magi to Jesus.
A dark canvas speckled by the most generous
brush—
What an improbable promise to an old man.
But our God has never been daunted by the
unlikely, the impossible.
What a sight for the Magi, too,
A baby resting on hay, his cries mingled with
braying and bleating.
I like to think they heard in those everyday
sounds a holy chorus,
Saw in that noisy tableau a Creator serenaded
by His creation,
All of it embodied, enfleshed—
All of it good.
And when we've left our gifts for this
implausible King,
May we, like the Magi, go home by another
way—
Having encountered the holy,
May we protect it, guard it,
Trail its light behind us wherever we go.
A sacred arc transposed from heaven to earth,
May we ourselves become the star,
Leading the way to Emmanuel.
Amen.

Cameron Bellm

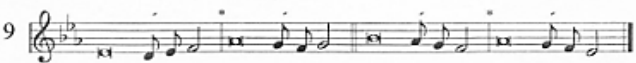
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 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 proclaim the praise of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Chant 9



Give the king your jus-/tice, O God,*
 and your righteousness to / the king's son;
that he may rule your / people righteously*
and the / poor with justice.

That the mountains may bring prosperity / to the people,* and the little / hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy a-/mong the people;*
he shall rescue the poor and crush / the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure,*
 from one generation / to another.
He shall come down like rain upon / the mown field,*
like showers that wa-/ter the earth.

In his time shall the / righteous flourish,*
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall / be no more.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles / shall pay tribute,*
and the kings of Arabia and Saba / offer gifts.

All kings shall bow / down before him*
 and all the nations / do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out / in distress,*
and the oppressed who / has no helper.

He shall have pity on the low-/ly and poor;*
 he shall preserve the lives / of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppres-/sion and violence,*
and dear shall their blood be / in his sight.

Gradual Hymn *Insert* *Saw You Never, in the Twilight*
 Tune: Chartres

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (2:1-12)

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means 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 wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, 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 road.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
 The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**