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PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 160 As with Gladness Men of Old

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sentence: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of God dwell in you richly.

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God , you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light , enkindled in our hearts , shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God , now and for ever.

All: Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

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.

Reader The word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 72: 1-7, 10- 14 (Please remain seated and join in singing the refrain)

Refrain:



Give the king your justice, 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. **R**

He shall defend the needy among 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. **R**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
Like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish;
There shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
R

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
And the kinds 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. **R**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
He shall preserve the lives of the needy.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
And dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**

2nd Reading Ephesians 3: 1-12 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his

holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn # 159 The Brightest and The Best (v. 1-3)

GOSPEL Matthew 2: 1-12

“Glory be to thee, O Lord”

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 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.

“Praise be to thee, O Christ”

GRADUAL HYMN # 159 The Brightest and The Best (v. 4-5)

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Homily: The Rev Bonnie Skerritt

Offering Sentence:

And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD's offering. *Exodus 35.21.*

OFFERTORY HYMN # 139 The First Nowell

Prayer Over the Gifts:

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily with your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord

. Amen.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn # 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

Hymn We Three Kings

**Refrain: *Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
West ward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse a far.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star. **R**
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain:
Gold I bring to crown Him again.
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. **R**
3. Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high. **R**
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **R**
5. Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Earth to heav'n replies. **R**

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN # 135 : Shepherds in The Field
Abiding**

Sending Forth

Announcements

The next meeting of St Paul's Book Club will be on Tuesday January 3, 2023 . The book to be discussed is The Dictionary of Lost Words by pip Williams. Our meeting will take place at the home of Catherine Philip, 182 Lindsay Street N at 12 noon. Please sign up on the list found in the parish hall for the pot luck at the meeting.

Faith and Friendship resumes January 9th, with a final look at our Advent/ Christmas study. January 16th we begin a study on the Gospel of Matthew until Lent.



*Sunday, January 1, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord*



INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

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