

The Worship of God

Epiphany Sunday

January 10, 2021

Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Susan Thrift

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens followed a guiding star!

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The people who live in darkness see a glorious light!

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**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

O come, let us worship the Lord,
for God has done wondrous things!

New Testament Reading
Matthew 2:1-12

Amy Everett

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name – I'm fixed upon it – name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar, hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Silent Prayer of Supplication

*Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst.
Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be
pushed back, and we might see what is truly real. Help us to recognize our sin
for what it is. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created
us to be. Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May
your light within us shine in our world today. This we pray in the name of the
Word made flesh, the Light which is the light of all people, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Epiphany Blessing of the Church

Tiffani Harris

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Christus mansionem benedicat.
(Christ bless this house.)

**Visit, O blessed Lord, this congregation
with the gladness of your presence.**

Bless all who come here and who worship from home
with the gift of your love.

Grant that we may manifest your love to each other
and to all whose lives we touch.

**Together, may we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God.
Guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace,
O Jesus Christ, now and forever.**

Prayers for the Church

Christus mansionem benedicat.
Christ bless this congregation. Amen.

Prayers for the Church's Witness in the World

Christus orbis benedicat.
Christ bless the world. Amen.

Witness of Faith

Samuel Moore

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Reading of Psalm 29

Brett Gibson

Reflection on the Psalm

The voice of our God and King is heard in blessing,
as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

**We come before God, celebrating the mystery and reality
that is God's everlasting glory!**

The voice of our God is heard in all creation,
and it responds with joy to the voice of its
Creator, Sustainer, and Renewer.

**We come before God, celebrating God's power and generosity
towards all creation and all peoples.**

The voice of our God is heard in the sacred spaces of all creation,
and God's grace is received as we come into his presence.

Old Testament Reading
Genesis 1: 1-5; 26-28

Tyler and Erin Ellis

Hymns of Praise to the Creator

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

I sing the almighty power of God that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.

While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

Piano Meditation

Sermon

Dennis Tucker

Benediction

May the light of Christ be with you.
and also with you.



Epiphany (detail), 1988
John August Swanson

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