

# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

Music for Gathering

Call to Worship

Hymn 141

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

PERSONENT HODIE

1. **On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.**  
*Refrain: Ideo-o-o, ideo-o-o, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*
2. **His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him.** *Refrain*
3. **God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.** *Refrain*
4. **On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.** *Refrain*

*Note: The words to the refrain mean “Therefore, glory to God in the highest!”*

\* Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Mission Witness

Red Cross Blood Drive

Prayer for Illumination

Jean Koerten

First Scripture

Matthew 3:1-12

Second Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

The Epiphany Bird

Music for Reflection

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”

Emily Krampe, soloist

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Communion

Prayer After Communion

\* Hymn

"What Child Is This"

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1. **What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**
2. **So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise a song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

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