

The Feast of the Epiphany

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



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The Word of God

The Prelude

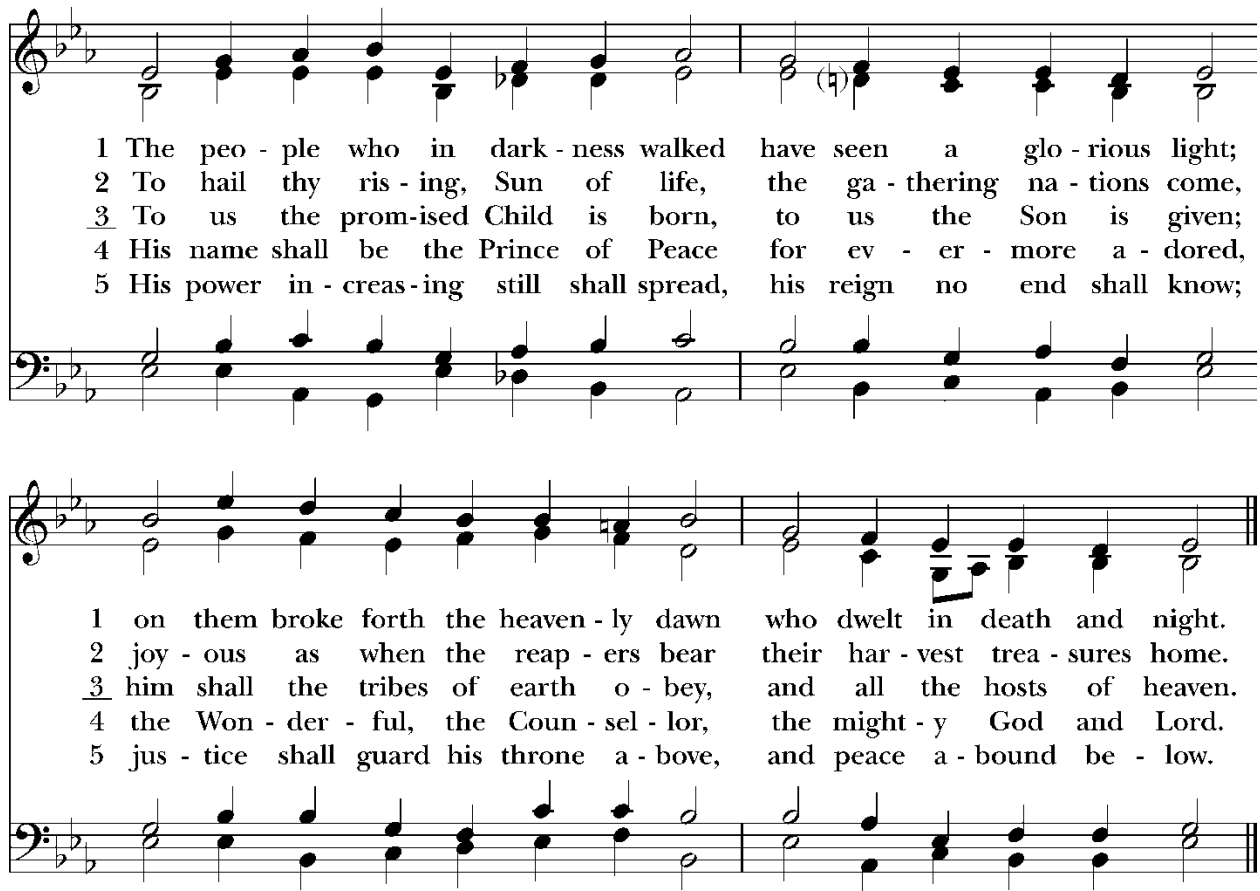
The Three Kings

arr. Wilbur Held

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 126 The people who in darkness walked

Dundee



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
3 To us the prom-ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Celebrant

Blessed be God; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet 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.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 *(Prayed responsively, by half verse)*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
 like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
 and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
 and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *

and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Please remain seated for the pageant and accompanying hymns.

The Epiphany Story

Told by Ragnhild Bjerke

The Birth of Jesus

Hymn 79 (vs. 1-3) (congregation seated)

St. Louis

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we - see thee
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a -
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is

1
lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go
bove, while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of - won - dering
given! So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his

3
by; yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er last - ing Light; the
love. O morn - ing stars to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth! and
heaven. No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where

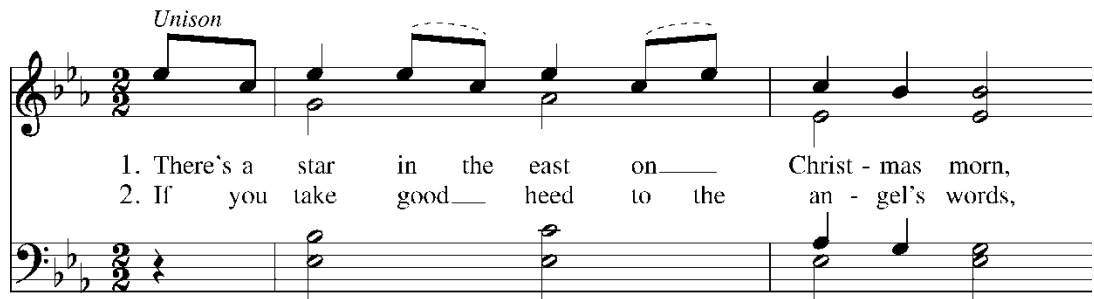
3
hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

The Shepherds go to the Manger

Hymn LEVAS 24 Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Spiritual

Unison



1. There's a star in the east on _____ Christ - mas morn,
 2. If you take good _____ heed to the an - gel's words,



1. Rise up shep-herd and fol-low, _____ It will lead to the place where the
 2. Rise up shep-herd and fol-low, _____ You'll for - get your flocks, you'll for -

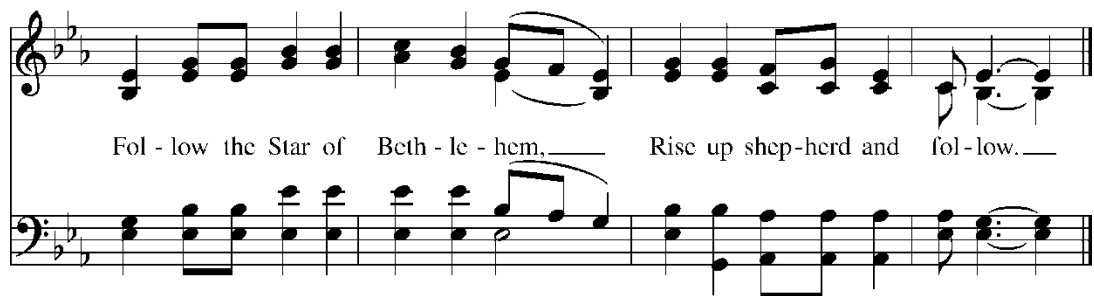


1. Christ was born, _____ Rise up shep-herd and fol - low. _____
 2. get your herds, _____ Rise up shep-herd and fol - low. _____

Harmony



Fol - low, fol - low, Rise up shep-herd and fol - low, _____



Fol - low the Star of Beth - le - hem, _____ Rise up shep-herd and fol-low. _____

Hymn 128 (congregation seated)

Three Kings of Orient

(vs 1 - trio, vs 2,3,4, - solos, vs 5 - congregation joins - all sing each refrain)



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



O ——— star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

The Presentation of Gifts before The Holy Family

The Homily

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the creed; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

God of love, we begin together a new year this week. We pray for your Holy Spirit to guide us in the months to come. Strengthen us to live and to love with faith in your creativity and abundance. When we are judgmental, lead us into curiosity. When we are anxious, fill us with your peace. When we are too much alone, expand our perspective to understand how profoundly you join us to others. Sustaining God, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for all regions of your world torn apart by war: including Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan, Haiti. We pray for homes and neighborhoods in our own nation traumatized by gun violence. May your peace spread across the world, that all may live in safety. Nurturing God, **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, we pray for all in public office and for all who will begin public office in the new year. Lead them into decisions and actions that show forth your compassion, that all may flourish according to your will. Guiding God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this week for all parishioners who serve on our buildings and grounds committee and offer thanks for the care they bring to our common life. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember Christ Church and Church of the Advent, Boston; and the Charles River Episcopal Co-Housing Endeavor. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We name before you all of those who have asked for our prayers, and pray also for those, unknown to us, who are in any kind of sickness or trouble, including the Dick Anderson, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Sally Drew, Bill & Judy Gardiner, Joan Kirkby, Barbara & Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, John, Lauren, Linnea, Pat. And for those we name before you now. *(Pause)*. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all of those whom we love but see no longer, that they may live forever in your light and love. And we pray for those we name before you now, silently or aloud. *(Pause)*. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Concluding Collect

God, through your Christ you have come among us to share in our humanity. Receive the prayers we offer through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

What Star is This

Puer nobis, arr. Peter Crisafulli

What star is this, with beams so bright, more beauteous than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring.
True spake the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob's star;
and eastern sages with amaze upon the wondrous token gaze.
The guiding star above is bright; within them shines a clearer light,
and leads them on with power benign to seek the giver of the sign.
To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unbroken praise.

The Offertory Hymn 107 Good Christian friends rejoice

In dulci jubilo

Good Chris - tian friends re - jice with
heart and soul and voice now ye hear of
end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and
we are blest for ev - er more. Christ was born for
this! Christ was born for this!

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2 (Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You may remain standing, sit or kneel for the continuation of the Eucharistic prayer.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Breaking of the Bread

S 155

Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.

The Communion Hymns

Hymn 117 Brightest and best

Morning Star

Hymn 109 The first Nowell

First Nowell

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God,

As you have fed us with the body of Christ, make us hungry for Christ's justice in the world;
As you have given us drink from the cup of salvation, make us thirsty for the fullness of your kingdom; In this new year of life, stir our hearts and awaken hope that we may share the gifts of your reconciling love with all creation. Amen.

The Blessing of Christmas

May God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

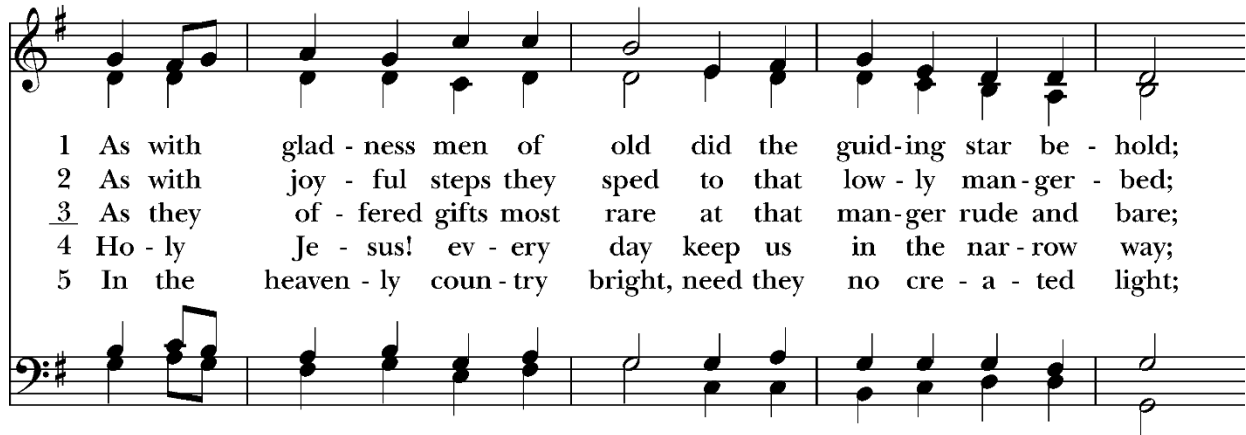
May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

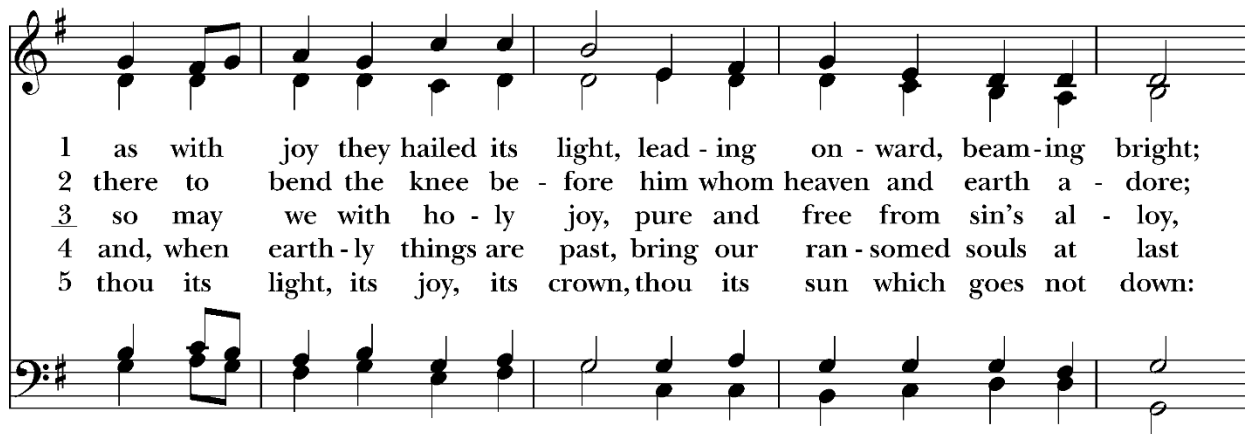
As soon as choir and clergy have left the altar, all are welcomed to bring their gift forward for the Necessity Shop at Nauset Regional High School.

The Closing Hymn 119 As with gladness men of old

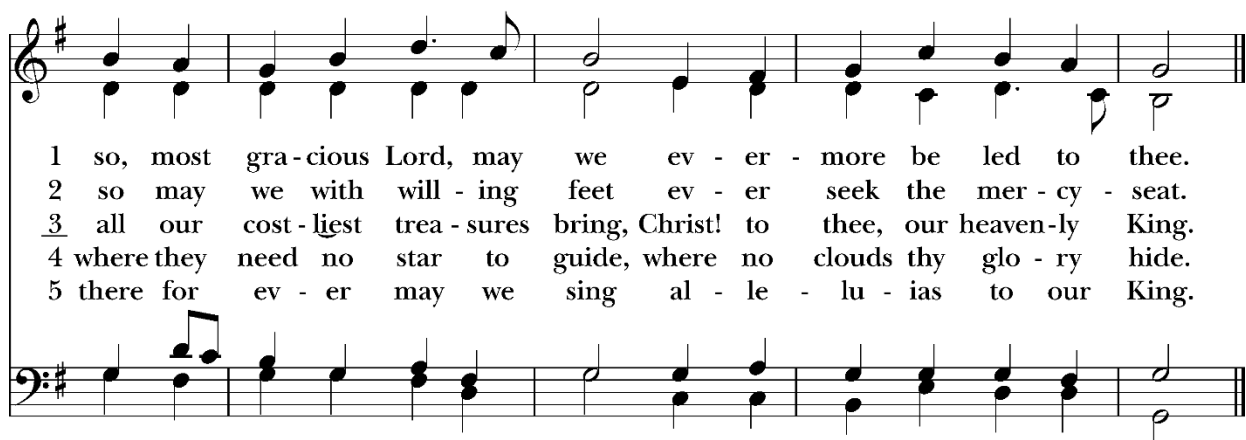
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1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

As with Gladness Men of Old

arr. Philip Gehring

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Minister of Music

Joan Kirchner

Eucharistic Ministers

Priscilla Isner, Meg Nemitz

Readers

Jean Collins, Ragnhild Bjerke, Diana Crighton

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