

Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021 10:30 a.m.



Nativity Triptych
Mark Daehlin

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Order of Worship

Carol of the Bells

Handbell Quartet
Victory Baptist Church

Gathering Music

*Angels We Have
Heard On High*

String Quartet
Arr. Marshall Oker

Welcome & Word Concerning This Day

I Will Light Candles This Christmas

Howard Thurman

I will light Candles for Christmas,
Candles of joy despite all sadness,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.

All My Heart this Night Rejoices

ELW 273

All my heart this night rejoices
As I hear, far and near, sweetest angel voices;
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing
Till the air ev'rywhere now with joy is ringing.

Hark! A voice from yonder manger,
Soft and sweet, doth entreat, "Flee from woe and danger;
Brethren, come; from all that grieves you
You are freed; all you need I will surely give you."

Come, then, let us hasten yonder;
 Here let all, great and small; kneel in awe and wonder;
 Love him who with love is yearning;
 Hail the star, that from far bright with hope is burning.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; **Music:** Johann Crüger

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
 the Maker of heaven and earth,
 the Word made flesh,
 the Lord and giver of life. **Amen.**

Let us confess our need for God's mercy.

**We confess that we are not at peace—
 with others or with ourselves.**

**We bring to you all that tears us apart:
 discord in our families, violence in our world,
 our own conflicted hearts.**

**In your mercy, mend us. Draw us close
 to one another and to you. Let peace reign
 over all the earth, through the Prince of peace,
 our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Forgiveness

In the Word who has come to dwell with us,
 God has given us grace upon grace:
 forgiveness that is stronger than our sins,
 love that can heal every broken heart.
 Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:
 in the name of Jesus our Savior,
 you are free from all your sins.
 Rise, shine, for your light has come. **Amen.**

I Wonder as I Wander

Rhonda Reece

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall,
Came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
And high from the heavens a star's light did fall;
The promise of the ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the king.*

Text: John Jacob Niles; **Music:** John Jacob Niles

Prophecy

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.

O Holy Night

Rhonda Reece

Home by Another Way

Barbara Brown Taylor

(A Christmas-Epiphany Story based on Matthew 2:1-12)

We Three Kings of Orient Are

WOV 646

We three kings of Orient are,
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 Following yonder Star.

Refrain:

**Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
 Star with royal beauty bright,
 Westward leading, still proceeding,
 Guide us to thy perfect light!**

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
 Gold I bring to crown him again,
 King for ever, ceasing never,
 Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;
 Incense owns a deity nigh:
 Prayer and praising gladly raising,
 Worshiping God Most High.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
 Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
 Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
 Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

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Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Heav'n sings alleluia:
Alleluia the earth replies. **Refrain:**

Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., alt.; **Music:** John Henry Hopkins, Jr.



Prayers of the Church

Prayer

Maya Angelou

Offering

What Can I Give Him

ELW 294

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what can I give him—give my heart.*

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti; **Music:** Gustav Holst

Response

So Bring Him Incense

ELW 296

*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 the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!*

Text: William C. Dix; **Music:** Greensleeves

Contemplation of the Christ Child

Come, behold and receive your God.



Prayer to the Christ Child

~ Frederick Buechner

What Child Is This?

String Quartet
Arr. Marshall Ocker

Prayer

As you led the Magi by a star, as you brought the Holy Family home again, guide us on the Way. May our lives proclaim the Good News of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor and the wanderers.

Go Tell It on The Mountain

ELW 290

Refrain:

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. **Refrain:**

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain:**

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born:
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain:**

Then from the East came wise men,
Led by a rising star;
They knelt and offered homage;
Gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **Refrain:**

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., stanzas 1-3; (v.4 A. W. Braaten-Lee);

Music: African American spiritual.

Postlude*Birthday of a King*

Rhonda Reece



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