



*January 05, 2025*  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

2nd Sunday of Christmas

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

*Come and Worship*

arr., B. Inman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*As With Gladness, Men of Old*

arr., C. Tornquist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *((Responsive))*

Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

**The glory of God shines in the darkness.**

Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!

**Take the journey that leads to the child.**

Let your hearts rejoice and be filled with joy!

**We glory in the Christ child, the hope of the world.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Responsive*)

**God of starlight, shine your love into the darkness of our lives. Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others; we participate in systems that oppress; we accept violence as a way of life; we fail to respond to the cry of others. May your love fall upon us like rain on the mown grass. May your love wash away our indifference and water the tender shoots of our care and compassion. Nourished in the sunlight of your love, may we grow into people who live in righteousness and who work for justice for all your children. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
(*Silent prayers of confession*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

In Jesus Christ, God has revealed the mystery that brings grace and forgiveness. **The light of God's love transforms us so that we may act with boldness and confidence.**

My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*PRAISE HYMN 580

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI (SCOTTISH)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

PROCLAMATION

*The Gifts We Bring*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 150

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

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## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

*He Is Born*

arr., H. Leonard

### PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

What do you bring to the Lord's Table?

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Life up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### \*SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Server:* The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

*Server:* The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 744

"Arise, Your Light is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 384

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andrae Crouch

*Verse 1:* **Soon and very soon, we are gonna see the King (3x)**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are gonna see the King!**

*Verse 2:* **No more cryin' there, we are gonna see the King (3x)**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are gonna see the King! (repeat Verse 1)**

\*POSTLUDE

*O Sanctissima*

arr., H. Leonard

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