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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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*Any faith that admires truth, that strives to know God,
must be brave enough to accommodate the universe. ~ Carl Sagan*

~ *GATHERING* ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Eph. 3:7-8*)

Tell the good news throughout the earth:
the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

PRELUDE

LITANY FOR EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Arise, shine; for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you. **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Nations will come to his light, and rulers will seek his radiance.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

He will judge the people with righteousness and defend the cause of the poor. **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

The mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plan of God is known to all. **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Let us kneel down before him to give honor, glory, and praise.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

In the light of Christ, come, let us worship God.

HYMN

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

GTG #151

Text and Music by John Henry Hopkins Jr

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome, drive out the sin in our hearts. Forgive us for turning from your way, for denying your truth, for resisting the life you would have us live. Refresh us and restore us. Focus on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ that we may see him more clearly and follow him more nearly, this day and every day. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Grace, mercy, and love—these are the gifts God has given us in Jesus Christ. This is good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

RESPONSE

GLORY, GLORY, GLORY
by Pablo Sosa (based on Luke 2:14)

GTG #584
CUEQUITA

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

ISAIAH 60:1-6

NRSV

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-12

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Wigger

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Declaration of Faith*)

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Alleluia. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** ...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARIST

THE FIRST NOWELL

GTG #147

English Carol

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ SENDING ~

HYMN

GO TELL IT ON A MOUNTAIN

GTG #136

African American Spiritual

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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