

Worship Leader Edition Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME by *Jubilee* (Invite people to download bulletin from the website – stlukesbloomington.org)

+OPENING SONG

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

Verse 1

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

Chorus

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign

Chorus

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a deity nigh:
Pray’er and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.

Chorus

Verse 4

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume’
Breaths a life of gathering gloom
Sorr’wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Seal’d in the stone cold tomb.

Chorus

Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise
King, and God, and Sacrifice,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Heaven and earth replies.

Chorus

+GREETING {Front Center} (Mollee Erickson)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {Front Center} (Mollee Erickson)

L: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace.

Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {Front Center} (Mollee Erickson)

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {Front Center} (Rob)

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE {On Floor Pulpit Side} (Emily)

FIRST READING {Lectern} (Laurie Blanchard)

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing "

ELW #270/Screen

Verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Verse 3

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Mollie Erickson*)

Screen

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Mollie Erickson*)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

Screen

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

Screen

L: We invite you to take this time of reflection and response to complete your Welcome Card, share any interests or prayer concerns and prepare your offering. Cards and offering can be put in the collection plate as you leave worship out the main doors or by the exit on your left side (motion to offering plate).

SONG

“The First Noel”

John Gardner

Verse 1

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

Verse 4

This star drew near to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

SENDING

+BENEDICTION *(Pastor Rob)*

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and lead us, to live graciously as your people. In the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+CLOSING SONG

“Unto Us”

Dave Chumchal

Chorus (two times)

Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Savior is born
Unto us a King delivered
Unto us this Christmas morn

Verse 1

Let the earth lift high His praise
The Holy One Ancient of Days
The Son of God is flesh is born
King of kings and Lord of lords

Chorus (two times)

Verse 2

Worship now the newborn King
Within His hands salvation brings
Come exalt the Sacrifice
Born of God to give us life

Bridge

So let the Earth lift high His praise
The Holy One, Ancient of Days
The Son of God in flesh is born
The King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Chorus

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

L: Follow the Light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

REPRISE