

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation will stand*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Grieg Lyric piece

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.

GATHERING

Leader: This is the Epiphany of the Lord!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad!

INTROIT: "Arise and Shine" (*See Insert to follow along*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

All: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ's nativity. There you revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for all humanity: God made flesh, born of Mary, opening to all the world the promise you made to Abraham and Sarah. Empower your church to be as the light of the star, that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (*See Insert*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE: (*turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance*)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Can YOU See?"

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*SONG OF PRAISE: "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us join together in prayer, asking for the Scriptures to be opened to us:

All: Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Response to the reading of God's Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "By Another Road"

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*HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (*See Insert*)

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. **All: hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

OFFERING / OFFERTORY MUSIC

*SONG OF DEDICATION: "Doxology"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" (*See Insert*)

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: **Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Mozart's Sonata in A – 1st Movement

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OPENING HYMN: WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. **Refrain:** O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

[Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high. **[Refrain]**

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

5 Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

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SONG OF PRAISE: WHAT STAR IS THIS, WITH BEAMS SO BRIGHT

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noon day light?

'Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.

2ND HYMN: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus

God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus

[Refrain] In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father **[Refrain]**

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus **[Refrain]**

CLOSING HYMN: JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.

His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
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