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THE ORDER OF VESPERS

THE CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 6, 2024

5:30 PM

✙ In The Name Of Jesus Christ ✙

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please fill out Friendship Pads.)*

OPENING HYMN “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LSB 394

Please stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

PSALM 72:1-11 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*)

P ¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal
son!

C ²May he judge your people with
righteousness, and your poor with
justice!

P ³Let the mountains bear prosperity for
the people, and the hills, in
righteousness!

C ⁴May he defend the cause of the
poor of the people, give
deliverance to the children of the
needy, and crush the oppressor!

P ⁵May they fear you while the sun
endures, and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations!

C ⁶May he be like rain that falls on
the mown grass, like showers that
water the earth!

P ⁷In his days may the righteous
flourish, and peace abound, till the
moon be no more!

C ⁸May he have dominion from sea to
sea, and from the River to the ends
of the earth!

P ⁹May desert tribes bow down before
him and his enemies lick the dust!

C ¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of
the coastlands render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!

P ¹¹May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING,
IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING **Isaiah 60:1-6**

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,

and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. *(continued...)*

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his

power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew from the twelfth chapter.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to

worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

(continued...)

⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After

listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

COMMON RESPONSORY

P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

MAGNIFICAT

P My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

C for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

P For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

C For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

P and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

C He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Each intercession ends with the words to which the congregation responds,

P	“Lord, in your mercy,”
C	“Hear our prayer”

PRAYER FOR PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”** *LSB 411*

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

* * * **To God Be the Glory** * * *

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