

# January 10, 2021

*Epiphany Sunday*



*Let Us All Seek The King*

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing  
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

Hymn: O Jesus, King of Glory ..... CW # 94

1 O Je - sus, King of glo - ry, Both Da - vid's Lord and son!  
 2 The east - ern Ma - gi, com - ing Their gifts of love to bring,  
 3 You are a might - y mon - arch, As by your Word is told,  
 4 Oh, look on me with pit - y Though I am weak and poor;  
 5 Then let your Word with - in me Shine as the fair - est star;

Your rule en - dures for - ev - er; In heav - en is your throne.  
 Bear wit - ness to your glo - ry And wor - ship you, their King.  
 And yet you care but lit - tle For earth - ly goods or gold.  
 Ad - mit me to your king - dom To dwell there, blest and sure.  
 Keep sin and all false doc - trine For - ev - er from me far.

Help that in earth's do - min - ions, From pole to farth - est pole,  
 To you the star is point - ing And the pro - phet - ic Word;  
 You do not come dis - play - ing Your pow - er and re - nown.  
 I pray, Lord, guide and keep me Safe from my bit - ter foes,  
 Help me con - fess you tru - ly And with all Chris - ten - dom

Your reign may spread sal - va - tion To each be - night - ed soul.  
 So joy - ous - ly we hail you: Our Sav - ior and our Lord.  
 You dwell in no high cas - tle; You wear no jew - eled crown.  
 From sin and death and Sa - tan; Free me from all my woes.  
 Here hail you King and Sav - ior And in the world to come.

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### Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

L: We pray, O Lord, open my lips

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

L: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

L: You are the King of heaven and earth.

**C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!**

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: AMEN**

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord,

**C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

**C: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.**

L: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

**C: The heights of the hills are also his,**

L: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,

**C: We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**L:** We pray. Dearest Jesus, Lord of glory, you have revealed yourself through the ages with mighty signs and wonders. Motivated by your love, you chose to exercise your great strength to serve our greatest need. For all you have done, we give you thanks and praise. Today, we ask that you continue to give us the courage and the compassion to be content and cheerful when you ask us to endure challenges in this world. All this we ask in your name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **First Lesson:**

**Isaiah 60:1–6**

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

<sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.

<sup>5</sup> Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

<sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD. (The Word of our God)

## **Psalm 72**

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### *Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

### *Psalm tone*



Endow the King with your justice, Ó God,\*  
the royal Son with your righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the people\*  
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,\*  
as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field,\*  
like showers watering the earth.

### *Refrain*

All kings will bow down to him,\*  
and all nations will serve him.

All nations will be blessed through him,\*  
and they will call him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.\*  
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**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.**

### *Refrain*

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:

Ephesians 3:2-12

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.

<sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets.

<sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power.

<sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all God’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

<sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. (The word of the Lord)

Hymn: *As with Gladness Men of Old*..... CW # 83 1-4



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold,  
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to your low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At your cra-dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,  
There to bend the knee be-fore You whom heav'n and earth a-dore,  
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more your fol-lowers be.  
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek your mer-cy seat.  
All our cost-liest treas-ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds your glo-ry hide.

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**L:** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked,

**C:** “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

**L:** <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

<sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

**C:** <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea, for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’”

**L:** <sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After the Magi had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

<sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord

**C:** *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**Hymn:** *The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*..... **CW # 91 Stz 1, 2, & 5**

1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
 2 The wis - er Ma - gi saw from far And fol - lowed  
 5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be And praise for  
 why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's  
 on his guid - ing star, And, led by light, to Light they  
 His e - pi - ph - any, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -  
 throne Does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.  
 pressed And by their gifts their God con - fessed.  
 dore And Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more

*The Wise Still Seek Him*



**Apostles' Creed:** *(together we confess)*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.***

***The third day he rose again from the dead.***

***He ascended into heaven***

***and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.***

***From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,***

***the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen***

**Prayer:**

We pray. Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you come again in dazzling splendor to bring us to the glory of heaven. Let our anticipation of your kingdom guide our thinking and speaking, enrich our conduct and actions, and increase our joy in all aspects of earthly life. These things we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

**Lord's Prayer:** *(traditional)*

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses,***

***as we forgive those who trespass against us;***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.***

***Amen!***

**L:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn:** *The People that in Darkness Sat*..... **CW # 90 Stz 1 & 2**



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1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To us a child of hope is born, To us a  
light have seen; The light has shone on them who long In  
son is giv'n, And on his shoul - ders ev - er rests All  
shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

**January 2021, Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 2 Bob Baur
- 7 Nick Carne
- 10 Tom Legg
- 21 Addison Wittmershaus
- 23 Lindsey Backes
- 24 Ray Williams
- 27 Ryan & Keely Taylor
- 28 Sam Meister
- 31 Fay Jones