

01/03/2021

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

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

**Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**Merciful God of deliverance, we praise you for sending Jesus as Light for the nations. He is the glory and radiance of your compassion and care. Our eyes behold the brightness of your promised righteousness; you illumine our darkness with the hope of your justice. As generations before us, we stand in awe of your splendor; we bow down to worship you, lifting our voices in praise of your goodness and giving heed to your instruction. Amen.**

HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful (133)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In him you have spoken peace, yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which you in goodness created for our habitation. In mercy, forgive us, and help us to amend our ways. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God is righteous and just, and forgives the iniquity of all who repent. Like “rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth,” God’s goodwill overflows toward us in the Babe of Bethlehem. Through that child, who is our risen Lord, we plead for forgiveness and claim God’s mercy and assurance of pardon. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12

## PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Changing Times

## POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright (152)

## ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

### Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### Statement on Ordination

#### Profession of Faith:

With the whole church, let us profess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth,**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### Constitutional Questions:

#### Prayer of Ordination/Installation:

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious and eternal God . . . Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Declaration of Ordination/Installation:

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: **Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.**

## DOXOLOGY

### OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, as wise rulers of old brought gifts and worshiped a newly born baby, so also we bring offerings in praise of him whom you sent. The star that we follow is the light of Christ's teachings, calling us to be faithful in service to all in need. Accept what we earn, the products of our creative energy and talent. Let this be the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that we bring. By our gifts may a sad and needy world be enriched and comforted. Amen.

HYMN: The First Nowell (147) (vv. 1-3, 6)

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

### POSTLUDE