

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 5th, 2014
Epiphany of the Lord
Order of Morning Worship
11:00 am

Organ Prelude and Chimes Welcome and Announcements

James Williams

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1-3)

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

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

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

People: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

Leader: Let us praise the One who comes!

•Hymn 67 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" MORNING STAR

Call to Confession

Leader: In the light of Christ,

People: We see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.

Leader: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the righteousness made known to us is Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Light. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (John 3:17)

Leader: Friends, God is for us, not against us. For that very reason God sent the Son into the world - not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

We declare the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in him.

• Gloria Patri Page 579

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Time "Three Kings"

Prayer of Illumination

O God of wonder, as the ancient star rose and guided the magi, illuminating the place where Jesus was, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit shine in our hearts and minds as the Word is read and proclaimed. Guide us again to Christ, and direct us to new paths of faithfulness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem "Only Trust Him" Adult Choir

Homily "Shine" Rev. Philip W. Sommer

Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

Thanksgivings
Intercessions

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)
•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 505 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" ST. FLAVIAN

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

•Hymn 63 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

•Benediction

•Congregational Response "Go with Us, Lord" #535
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

Postlude