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The Epiphany of Our Lord

** Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST THE KING

Prelude: Arise, My Soul, Arise - Terry Osman - Finnish Folk Melody

Introit: Jesus bids us shine - **# 773 Blue**
 Vs. 1 - ladies and girls
 Vs. 2 - men and boys
 Vs. 3 - everyone

*Responsive Call to Worship:
 Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;
 but the Lord will rise upon you and his glory will be seen upon you.**
 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
**Violence shall no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within
 your borders.**

The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon
 give light to you by night.

**For the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your
 glory.**

Hymn of Praise: Immortal Invisible **# 290 Blue**

Our Prayer of Approach

God of grace and glory, we praise you from the heights and from the depths;
 in the heavens and on the seas; in the courts of power and from the margins.

**Your splendour shines from a manger, where the Light of the world was
 born to pierce the darkness. In the fragility of flesh you are revealed to
 us face to face.**

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies,
 the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds,
 witnessed by animals.

**You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for
 us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives,
 our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Our Prayer of Confession:

When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, he became like us in all things but
 sin. May we who have been reborn in him be free from our sinful ways. Let
 us confess our sin to God.

**Source of all hope, you invite us to live in the light and to experience
 the splendor of your glory. We confess that we are reluctant to embrace
 this new life and choose instead to remain in the darkness. We allow
 our fears and hurts to hold us hostage and our illusions to hold us back
 from new and real possibilities. You offer us unconditional love, but we
 expect our own love to be earned. Forgive us and create us anew in the
 image of your Son in whose name we pray. Amen**

Welcome and Announcements **(See Insert # 1)**

Musical Item: We Three Kings of Orient are sung by Valarie and Sheba
 with organ accompaniment by Anthony Sampras

GOD'S SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

*Youth Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine **# 376 Blue**

Children's Story:

The Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm 72 Refrain # 1
 Old Testament: Isaiah 63: 7-9 (Page)
 New Testament: Ephesians 3:7-12 (Page)

Anthem: The Light of the World is Jesus - Philip P. Bliss

Sermon: Children of God, Shine!

Hymn of Transition: Hail to The Lord's Anointed **# 115 Blue**

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

We Confess Our Faith: Apostles' Creed (BoP#539)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (BoP#564)

Communion Hymns: # 687 & # 461 Blue

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The giving of our Gifts in Tithes and Offering:

*Offertory Hymn: I Am the Light of the World - Jim Strathdee

Thanks, Thanks, We Give You Thanks For All You Have Done

We are so Blessed, Our Souls are at rest, O Lord, We Give You Thanks.

WE GO OUT TO LIVE JOYFULLY

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: There's A Call Come Ringing **# 505 Red**

*Benediction:

*Choral: Praise The Lord, Praise The Lord, Let the Earth Hear His Voice.

Postlude: He Is Born! - French Carol