

*The Epiphany of Our Lord*  
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We are His family, called together to receive His gifts and serve  
others.”*

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## Order of Vespers



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Psalm 24

- <sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,
- <sup>2</sup>for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.
- <sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- <sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.
- <sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- <sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.
- <sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!
- <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.
- <sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!

### 370 What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to  
sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let  
shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the  
Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift 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. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>A 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.

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 2:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "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." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"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.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And 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." <sup>9</sup>After 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>And being

warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory



- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



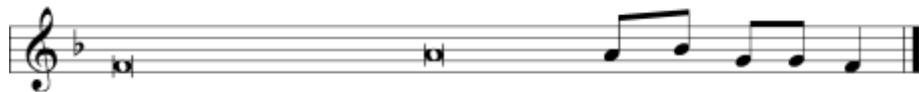
- C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

## Sermon

### Canticle



- L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

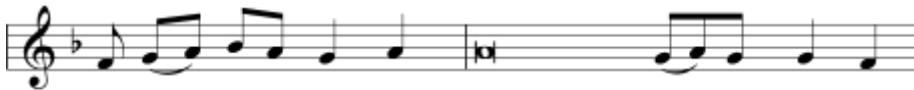


- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

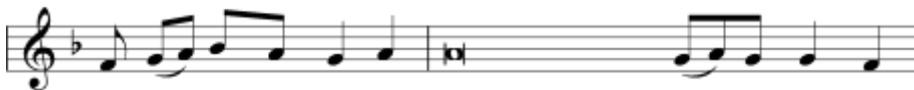
## Magnificat



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**III** For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



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



**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



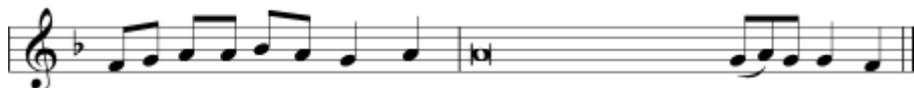
II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.



III Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Prayer

## Kyrie



IV Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Lord's Prayer

V Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C **And let my cry come to You.**

P O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Benedicamus**



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction *LSB 234*

**P** The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

**C** A - men.

## 387 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

**Next council meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please make sure all reports are submitted by January 11<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Voter's Meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## **Merry Christmas-**

I just wanted to take a moment of your time to tell you how amazing you are and to Thank you for your support of the Early Childhood Center. Without your support, we would not be able to teach the children about Jesus and the faith; and in turn teach their parents. This has been a challenging year with COVID, we had no idea how it would affect the Center. We had to close our doors from the end of March thru May and by the grace of God, we were able to reopen with a staff that stuck with us.

The gifts from the congregation have been enormous. We were given a new washer and dryer unit after ours failed. This might seem small but when you do laundry daily and many loads a day (little people are dirty!), it is a necessity! We are also blessed to be able to share the new multi passenger van with the Church. This is an amazing gift to our

afterschool kids, who's first comments were: "the seats are so soft" and "it smells so good in here". The teachers are thankful that they do not need to climb over the passenger seat anymore to get to the driver seat.

We have been so blessed to have congregation members willing to help us out while we were short staffed; purchase food so the kids have meals and snacks; donate art supplies, blankets, furniture, toys, their time and so many more things! We are so blessed to be part of this amazing family.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

Katie Andreasen, Early Childhood Center Director and Dana Reiprich,  
Board Chairperson

AND

All the Staff, Students and Board Members

"For nothing will be impossible with God." – Luke 1:37