

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known” tune *Wo Gott Zum Haus*; setting by Distler.

page 151 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 397 - *we sing, standing*

page 152 - **KYRIE**

page 154 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 72:1-11 - *Pastor and the congregation speak responsively.*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 156 - **ALLELUIA** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*

Before, all sing: Glory to You, O Lord!

After, all sing: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN - *see insert* - “We Three Kings of Orient Are” - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page all standing*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY “Follow the Star” by *Bian Carr, Bruce Emerick, soloist (8:00)* *The Parish Choir sings “The Lord is My Light” by Frances Allitsen (10:30).*

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 162 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 400 and 389 vs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which gives us His forgiveness and makes us one Christian family.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

Page 165- **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** - *all standing*

page 166 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 166 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 399 vs 1, 2, 5 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “Laudation” by *Gilbert Martin.*

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 96 Offering: \$3,553.71

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour - Join us for fellowship between the services. If you are willing, and can serve some mornings by setting up and cleaning up, please sign up on the bulletin board. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Baked goods are always welcome and may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer to be enjoyed when needed. Questions? Please contact Pam Clark

Annual Corporate Meeting will be held here after our two worship services next Sunday, January 12.

Sunday School- “The Land at Last” is the title for today’s lesson. For forty years, the Israelites wandered on sandals that didn’t wear out and ate daily doses of manna. Following Moses’ death, Joshua prepares to lead a new generation into the Promised Land. This time, the floodwaters of the Jordan River stand in the way; but, hearkening back to the Red Sea crossing, the people pass through on dry land as they gather twelve stones for a memorial to God’s faithful care for His people. As a family, discuss how God leads us today.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).