

Assurance of Pardon  
The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer (See insert)  
Breaking the Bread  
Giving the Bread and Cup  
Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN "The First Noel"

#245

\*BENEDICTION

Leader: Go forth as a light to the nations.

People: **We go forth, following the star of Christ's birth.**

Leader: Go forth as a people of blessing.

People: **We go forth, proclaiming hope to the poor and needy.**

Leader: Go forth as a light to the nations.

People: **We go forth, with God's blessings.**

POSTLUDE

# Worship Service

## Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

### Sunday, January 5, 2020

GATHERING (Prelude)

WELCOME

PASSING THE PEACE

HAND BELLS "Angels We Have Heard on High"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine! Your light has come.

**People: The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.**

Leader: Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.

**People: Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**People: The glory of the Lord is all around.**

Leader: Arise, shine! Your light has come.

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\*HYMN "We Three Kings" #254

\*INVOCATION

\*HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" White Books

\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of starlight, dispense the darkness of our lives, that we may behold the light of your love shining in every corner of our world. Guide our footsteps in the paths of righteousness, that justice may flourish and peace may abound. Help us follow the kings of old, that through our own journeys of faith, we may behold the mystery made known through the coming of your glory in the infant Jesus. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Pew Bible, pg. 657)

CHORAL MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible, pg. 853)

SERMON "Fit For a King" Rev. Tim Powers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: Let justice roll down like waters,

**People: and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

Leader: Let the voice of the needy be heard throughout the land,

**People: and the plea of the widow be answered.**

Leader: Let God be praised and Christ proclaimed,

**People: and let the whole world see the glory of our God.**

\*HYMN "Sing We Now of Christmas" #237

THE SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offering

\*Response "Doxology" #95

\*Offertory Prayer

TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION #15

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**People: Eternal God, following only a star in the sky, kings of old left their families and their lands to find a child whose birth was so profound, it was proclaimed in the heavens above. When we would rather sit comfortably in our homes than make spiritual pilgrimages of our own, clothe our feet of clay in walking shoes and send us on our way. At this season of light, help us shine your light in the darkness to honor the King of kings. Open our shut-up hearts to those in need, that the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh might not be the last gifts offered to the one who brings light into our lives. Amen.**