

**Epiphany Sunday January 3, 2020 - 9am only**

**GATHER**

**Opening Song "Come And Listen" by Dave Crowder**

*Come and listen. Come to the water's edge, All you who know and fear the Lord.  
Come and listen. Come to the water's edge, All you who are thirsty, come.*

*Let me tell you what He has done for me.  
Let me tell you what He had done for me.  
He has done for you. He has done for us.*

*Come and listen. Come and listen to what He's done.  
Come and listen. Come and listen to what He's done.  
Praise our God for He is good. Praise our God for He is good. Praise our God  
for He is good. Praise our God for He is good.*

*He has done for me. He has done for you. He has done for us.  
Come and listen. Come and listen to what He's done.  
Come and listen. Come and listen to what He's done.*

A. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C. The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.**

A. The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

**C. The Lord is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid.**

**Song of Praise "Shout to the Lord"**

*My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You;  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.*

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compare the promise I have in You.  
Nothing compare the promise I have in You.*

A. The peace of Christ be with you all. **C. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

A. Let us pray...Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **Isaiah 60:1-6**

#### **Zion Will Be Glorious**

“People of Jerusalem, get up. Shine, because your light has come. The glory of the LORD will shine on you. Darkness covers the earth. Thick darkness spreads over the nations. But I will rise and shine on you. My glory will appear over you. Nations will come to your light. Kings will come to the brightness of your new day. “Look up. Look all around you. All your people are getting together to come back to you. Your sons will come from far away. Your daughters will be carried on the hip like little children. Then your face will glow with joy. Your heart will beat fast because you are so happy. Wealth from across the ocean will be brought to you. The riches of the nations will come to you. God’s Wonderful Plan for the Gentiles

### **Ephesians 3:1-12**

I, Paul, am a prisoner because of Christ Jesus. I am in prison because of my work among you who are Gentiles. <sup>2</sup> I am sure you have heard that God appointed me to share his grace with you. <sup>3</sup> I’m talking about the mystery God showed me. I have already written a little about it. <sup>4</sup> By reading about this mystery, you will be able to understand what I know. You will know about the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> The mystery was not made known to people of other times. But now the Holy Spirit has made this mystery known to God’s holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> Here is the mystery. Because of the good news, God’s promises are for Gentiles as well as for Jews. Both groups are parts of one body. They share in the promise. It belongs to them because they belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> I now serve the good news because God gave me his grace. His power is at work in me. <sup>8</sup> I am by far the least important of all the Lord’s holy people. But he gave me the grace to preach to the Gentiles about the unlimited riches that Christ gives. <sup>9</sup> God told me to make clear to everyone how the mystery came about. In times past it was kept hidden in the mind of God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> He wanted the rulers and authorities in the heavenly world to come to know his great wisdom. The church would make it known to them. <sup>11</sup> That was God’s plan from the beginning. He has fulfilled his plan through Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> Through him and through faith in him we can approach God. We can come to him freely. We can come without fear. Come shout praises to me.

A. Let us speak the Gospel acclamation...

**C. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia.**

## **Matthew 2:1-12**

### **The Wise Men Visit Jesus**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea. This happened while Herod was king of Judea. After Jesus' birth, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> They asked, "Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose. Now we have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard about it, he was very upset. Everyone in Jerusalem was troubled too. <sup>4</sup> So Herod called together all the chief priests of the people. He also called the teachers of the law. He asked them where the Messiah was going to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied. "This is what the prophet has written. He said, <sup>6</sup> 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not the least important among the towns of Judah. A ruler will come out of you. He will rule my people Israel like a shepherd.'" (Micah 5:2) <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the Wise Men. He found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem. He said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report it to me. Then I can go and worship him too." <sup>9</sup> After the Wise Men had listened to the king, they went on their way. The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. <sup>11</sup> The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> But God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they returned to their country on a different road.

### **Children's Sermon**

### **Meditation**

#### **Song "We Three Kings" v1-4**

*We three kings of orient are; bearing gifs we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

## SEND

### **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I Believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

A: Drawn near to God as children and heirs of Christ's promise, we pray for all people of God, for our nation and our world, and for those in need. [*A brief silence.*]

A: For those in our Community of Faith: Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, Student Katie Leslie, Intern Rebecca West-Estell, Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers and students in all schools, and for faith communities throughout the world. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbors, especially those who differ from us, and draw us together in common service to those who are hungry, poor, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the well-being of the earth as we begin another year entrusted with its care. Give us lively imaginations to see ways to conserve its limited resources, harness its renewable energies, and conform ourselves to its natural goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For peace among nations, for peace in our homes, and for peace in our hearts. Urge us to cry out at injustice and inequality among your people until vindication comes and righteousness prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For our military personnel: Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, and Reid Leslie; guard their lives and keep them safe, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For our **homebound**: Dotty Sauer, Claudia Sauer, Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care), Pat Reiber; and those who are in need of **healing**: Ronald Dotson, Eli Loga, Dick Zaborski, Chris Witzel, Kathy Schaefer, Jess Weber (great grandson of Judy & Ken Schwieder), Ken Schwieder, Afaf Barakat, Brenda Facey, Cindy Bunch, Katie Maly, Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Don Gurwell, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Diane Denhof, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, and all suffering with Covid 19; Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For those grieving the loss of friends and family; especially the families of John Vance, Oscar Bunch, Walt Carlson (Sandy Goodnough's brother), Marie Wenzlick (Teresa Loga's aunt), Mary Elwer (Teresa Loga's great aunt). Only you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world. **C: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

A. To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in one, may every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise. Amen.

### **Song "Confidence" Sanctus Real**

I'm not a warrior I'm too afraid to lose  
I feel unqualified for what you're calling me to  
But Lord with your strength I've got no excuse  
'Cause broken people are exactly who you use

So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence

You took a shepherd boy And made him a King  
So I'm gonna trust you and give you everything  
I'll be a conquerer 'Cause you fight for me  
I'll be a champion claiming your victory

So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls  
I won't stop until I see 'em fall  
Gonna stand up, step out when you call  
Jesus, Jesus

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls  
I won't stop until I see 'em fall  
Gonna stand up, step out when you call  
Jesus

So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence, yeah

Give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence  
I'll face my giants with confidence

**Dismissal**

A. Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

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<b>Assistant:</b>	<b>Milt Pommeranz</b>
<b>Message:</b>	<b>Cindy Rerucha</b>
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