

CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY ~ JAN 10, 2020

OPENING HYMN "Arise and Shine" 396

1) Arise and shine in splendor;
Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near.
Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming;
The glory of the Lord is here.

4) See earth in darkness lying,
The heathen nations dying
In hopeless gloom and night.
To you the Lord of heaven—
Your life, your hope—has given
Great glory, honor, and delight.

5) Your heart will leap for gladness
When from the realms of sadness
They come from near and far.
Your eyes will wake from slumber
As people without number
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, how darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples. But the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried upon the arm. Look and be radiant! Your heart will throb and swell with joy, proclaiming the praise of the Lord." (*Is 60:1-6, adapted*)

C: **King of kings, Lord of lords, we humbly come before You. You have made us kings and priests. We offer You our loyalty and service that all people might come in triumph into Your everlasting Kingdom; where You reign with the Father and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PSALMODY Ps. 72:1-11

P: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

C: **He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

P: The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

C: **He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.**

P: He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

C: **He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.**

P: In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

C: **He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

P: The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.

C: **The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.**

P: All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.

C: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Hail, O Source" 409

1) Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,
In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You,
In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You,
Thankful for the grace You give.

2) Once far off but now invited,
We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages,
Myst'ry great of love divine.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you, His servant.**

P: Let us pray . . . one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

P: (*After Each Reading*) Your word, O Lord, is a lamp unto my feet.

C: **And a light unto my path.**

THE SECOND ARTICLE FROM THE CATECHISM

P: We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Son of God and our Lord. What does this mean?

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

HYMN "The Star Proclaims" 399

1) The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

2) The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod
And by their gifts confessed their God.

3) Within the Jordan's sacred flood
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse His people from their own.

4) And oh, what miracle divine,
When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

5) For this Thy glad epiphany
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS

P: God has given us the name above all names that we might come to Him in prayer for ourselves, for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs. . . . That we who were marked with that name in baptism may live in faithfulness to that name, turning away from sin and doing the good we were created to do, let us pray to the Lord.

C: In the name of Jesus we pray You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That the name which brings salvation to the whole world may be spread to all nations and all peoples and that the work of missionaries may be blessed with success, let us pray to the Lord.

C: In the name of Jesus we pray You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That the name which holds wisdom and peace may guide the nations and those who govern so that peace and justice will be established, let us pray to the Lord.

C: In the name of Jesus we pray You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Hear us now, O Lord, as we bring to your special needs and thanksgivings . . . (*After each petition the Pastor will say*) . . . let us pray to the Lord.

C: In the name of Jesus we pray You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Into Your hands, O gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, even our very selves, for we have confidence in Your love and we trust in Your mercy, through the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: As we prepare to receive the Lord's true body and blood, it is proper that we should examine ourselves, that we may partake of this blessed meal for the strengthening of our faith, and not our judgment, as Scripture teaches (See 1 Cor 11).

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that at times we have loved the night more than the daytime, the world more than the kingdom, the prince of darkness more than the Prince of Peace. Before You we dare offer no excuses for our sins; we may only cry, "Have mercy Lord!" Show us again the star which is Christ, and lead us out of darkness into his light.

P: As the Wise Men found guidance in the Holy Word, as they were led by a star to Christ, so the Scripture still guides us to the Christ, the guiding Star in the world's night. In His name, and as a called and ordained Servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Followed by)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

P: (*Following the Prayer*) The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

C: You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. (Isaiah 9:2)

P: May the Grace be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "As With Gladness" 397

1) As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.

2) As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3) As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

4) Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Acknowledgments

Hymn 396: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House
All Resources Used by permission:
LSB Hymn License .NET, number 100010106.
CCLI Streaming, number CCLI 20535714