



# Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021  
Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
Topeka, KS

## Gathering

*We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.*

Prelude

*We Three Kings*  
Brass Quintet

## CENTERING WORDS

*Epiphany is a day to celebrate God's love for all—  
especially those who are most in need of God's light and love.*

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Thomas

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Unison

**O God of light and peace,  
whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem,  
still draws the nations to yourself:  
dispel the darkness that shrouds our path,  
that we may come  
to kneel before Christ in true worship,  
offer him our hearts and souls,  
and return from his presence to live as he has taught. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

*(time for silent prayer)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD**

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.*

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you.

Though darkness covers the earth and gloom the nations,  
the Lord will shine upon you; God's glory will appear over you.

Nations will come to your light and kings to your dawning radiance.

Lift up your eyes and look all around: they are all gathered;  
they have come to you.

Your sons will come from far away, and your daughters on caregivers' hips.

Then you will see and be radiant; your heart will tremble and open wide,  
because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you;

the nations' wealth will come to you.

Countless camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah.

They will all come from Sheba, carrying gold and incense,  
proclaiming the Lord's praises.

***Thanks be to God***

Second Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

*"You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our Substance.*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*This morning we will celebrate communion as we worship.*

*If you wish to partake of this sacrament, please have elements (juice, bread, etc.) ready.*

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

~~~SENDING FORTH~~~

*Worship Equips Us To Go Forth To Serve God In The World.*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

“Joy to the World”  
Isaac Watts  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Carol Thomas, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Director of Music/Organ

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Brass Quintet: Phil Becker, Quentin Mallette, Thomas Pi,

Trevon Waddell, Michael Sturm

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