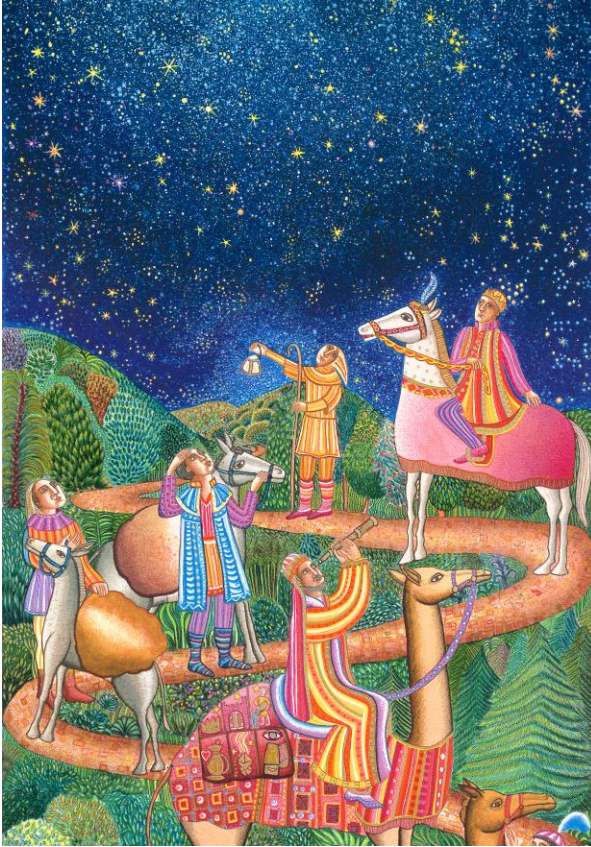

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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CONNECTING **FAITH,**
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
Partita 2. Bicineum and 1. Chorale

Johann Pachelbel
Michael Burkhardt

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God—
who sets the stars in their courses,
who gives light to the nations,
who makes all things new.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**We hear the good news of God's salvation
and our hearts sing for joy.**

God reveals the mysteries of the ages
to those who wait and seek.

The light of Christ illumines our way.

Come, let us walk in the light of God!

HYMN 827

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (verses 1–2)

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!

Great and glorious, all victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
refresh our souls with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy
warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God,
the radiance of faithful souls,
who brought the nations to your light
and kings to the brightness of your rising:
Fill the world with your glory
and show yourself to all the nations;
through him who is the true light
and the bright morning star,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Randi McNally

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1–6

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1–12

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Led by a Star

Wallace W. Bubar

HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed";
and lo! the eastern sages stand
to read in heaven the Lord's command.

While outward signs the star displays,
an inward light the Lord conveys
and urges them, with tender might,
to seek the giver of the light.

O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Saw Three Ships

Sharon Stilwell and Laura Erickson
Becky and Ernie Brock

EUCHARIST

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

...now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN 135

FOLLOW

There's a Star in the East

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain

Follow, follow;

rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow the star of Bethlehem.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

If you take good heed to the angel's words,
rise up, shepherd, and follow.

You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow. (*Refrain*)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

David Cherwien

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committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,
caring for one another,
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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