

# Morning Prayer

10<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

## “EPIPHANY”

### Call to Worship

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

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

The true light that enlightens every person and every nation 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.

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

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All -And also with you. Amen.**

**All -We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God’s holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.**

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
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. [Refrain]

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

### **Confession**

**O God, our guide,  
who once used a star to lead people to Christ,  
we confess our nation's and our own poor sense of direction.  
In the chaos we've let ourselves become confused,  
easily distracted, and lose our way.  
We've failed to see and follow the signs that you have provided.  
Forgive our waywardness, O God.  
Lead us back to Christ so that we may  
Know your power, presence and peace. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

**Reading – Mathew 2 (1-18)**

### **Talk**

### **Prayers**

#### **The Collect for Epiphany**

**O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your 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, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. AMEN.**

**O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

### **The Final Blessing**

### **The Grace**

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**