

# Epiphany (Observed)

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## **Divine Service, p. 60**

### **I. The Service of Preparation**

**1. The Entrance Hymn: #166** (Please stand at the last verse)

**2. The Invocation, p. 60**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: ♪ Amen.**

**3. The Confession and Absolution, Form II, p. 61**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean; and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us: Have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will; and true obedience to Your Word to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only begotten Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**C: Grant this unto us, O Lord! Amen.**

**4, 5. Introit/Gloria Patri, p. 62**

L: ♪ Behold, the Lord, the Ruler / has come ... and the kingdom and the power and the glory / are in His hand.

**C: All kings shall fall / down before Him ... all nations / shall serve Him.**

L: Give the King Your judgments / O God ... and Your righteousness / to the King's Son.

**All: Glory be to the Father, / and to the Son, and to / the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be- / -ginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever- / -more. Amen.**

**6. The Kyrie (I), p.63**

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **7. The Gloria in Excelsis, p. 64**

♪ **Glory be to God on high:**

And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You.

We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For You only are holy, You only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **8. The Salutation, p. 66**

P: The Lord be with you. C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

## **9. Collect, p. 66**

P: O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may after this life enjoy the fullness of Your glorious Godhead: through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. C: ♪ **Amen.**

## **II. The Service of the Word**

### **10. The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD. (ESV)

### 11. Gradual, p. 67

L: ♪ Al-/le-lu-ia... Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations! Laud Him / all you people!

C: For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures / for-ever.

Al-/le-lu-ia!

### 12. Epistle: Romans 3:23-31

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

### 13. Alleluia, p. 67

L: ♪ Al-/le-lu-ia... Arise, shine; For / Your Light has come!

C: And the glory of the Lord is risen / upon you ... Al-/le-lu-ia!

### 14. Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the 1st verse: (stand) C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **C: ♪ Praise be to You O Christ!**

#### **15. The Apostles' Creed, p. 68**

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen**

#### **16. The Chief Hymn: #167:1-4**

**17. Sermon Text/Theme:** Isaiah 60:1-2, Matthew 2:1-5,9 - The Light That Dispels the Darkness

#### **18. The Offertory verse.**

#### **The Offering**

(While the offering is brought forward, the following verses are sung:)

The world may hold Her wealth and gold;

But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true treasure.

To him hold fast Until at last

A crown be thine and honor in full measure

- ELH #161:6

#### **19. The Prayer of the Church**

#### **23. The Lord's Prayer (Sung in unison), p. 85**

**C: ♪ 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **24. A Hymn of Thanks, #173**

**25. The Collect III, p. 86:**

P: Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, unto Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word, as becomes it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: ♪ Amen.**

**26. The Benediction, p. 87:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.**

**27. The Closing Hymn: #167:5-7**