

AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

845 West Fifth Street

Winston-Salem, North Carolina



“...and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Epiphany Vespers

January 7, 2018

7:00 P.M.

The assembly stands and turns to face the light as it enters the sanctuary, following the light as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

SERVICE OF LIGHT



☐ Jesus Christ is the light of the world, ☑ the light no darkness can over-come.



☐ Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning, ☑ and the day is almost o - ver.



☐ Let your light scat - ter the dark - ness, ☑ and illumine your church.



☐ Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



☑ of the im-mor-tal Fa - ther; heav-en - ly, ho - ly, bles - sed Je - sus Christ.



We have come to the set-ting of the sun, and we look to the eve-ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er.



O Son of God, O Giv-er of life: The u - ni-verse pro-claims your glo - ry.



☒ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al-so with you. ☒ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise. ☒ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,



who led your people Israel by a pil-lar of cloud by day and a pil-lar of fire by night:



Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp to our feet



and a light to our path; for you are mer-ci-ful, and you love your whole cre-a-tion,



and we, your crea-tures, glo-ri-fy you, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it. ☑ A-men.

We sit.

PSALMODY


Psalm 141 (I–Trebles; II–Men; C–All)



C Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.



II Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



II Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

I But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge.
 Strip me not of my life. III Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and
 to the Ho - ly Spir - it; I as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men. C Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence is kept for meditation.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your loving kindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *sung by the choir*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
 that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
 that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
 Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
 Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.
 In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.
 May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
 For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.
 He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.
 From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Silence is kept for meditation.

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

302 As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM

On This Day

arr. Bruce Tippette

On this day, earth shall ring with the song children sing
to the Son, Christ the King, born on earth to save us; Him the Father gave us.

Refrain: Ideo-o-o, Ideo-o-o, Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds hear and obey what the angels do say;
Christ the Lord, born today; They will see his glory, telling all the story.

Refrain

God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to him led;
Kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.

Refrain

On this day angels sing; With their song echoing,
Praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; Peace and love he gave us.

Refrain

Jubilate Choir and Lobchor

We stand.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The gospel is introduced:

The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is concluded:

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.
But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

CANTICLE

Magnificat in C

Charles Villiers Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm.
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
And hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
As he promised to our forefather, Abraham and his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Adult Choir

Silence is kept for meditation.

We stand.

LITANY

After each petition—

♩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

♩ Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a single melodic line in G major with a treble clef. The bottom two staves are a piano accompaniment in G major with a bass clef. The first staff has a common time signature and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." followed by "Lord, have mer - cy." The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

The petitions continue...

♩ For the faithful who have gone ... give thanks to the Lord.

♩ Al - le - lu - ia.

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Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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Rejoicing in the fellowship ... to Christ, our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

O God, from whom come all holy desires...you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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 power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We sit.

ANTHEM

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob,
And a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
With might destroying princes and cities.
How lovely shines the Morning Star
With God's own brilliance from afar,
Aglow with consolation!
Your word, O Lord,
Brightly shining, truth defining, brings salvation!
Praises sing in exultation.

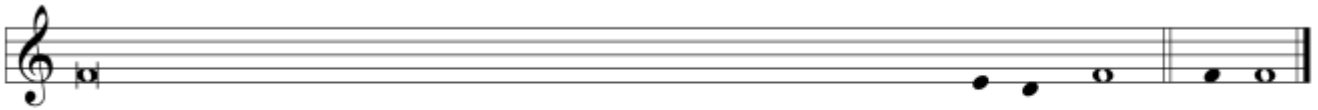
Adult Choir

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PRAYER

BLESSING



☐ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us. ☑ A-men.

HYMN

308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

VOLUNTARY

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johann Pachelbel

*The congregation may be seated following the hymn,
and is asked to remain in their places through the conclusion of the Voluntary.*

Soli Deo Gloria

Providing Service

Liturgist
Choirs

Daniele Olsen
Adult Choir, Lobchor, Jubilate Choir

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Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and monarch and savior of all.

What shall we give him, in costly devotion?
Shall we bring incense and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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—Brightest and Best of the Stars
Reginald Heber, 1783-1826
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