

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THE SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 8, 2012

10:15 A.M. O'clock

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

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**PRELUDE**

"Celebrated Air"  
Greg Mortimer, violin  
Helen Dix, organist

J. S. Bach

*May the music of the prelude focus our attention on God's kingdom.*

**WELCOME, CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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**All who would find him,  
prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi.**

All who would praise him,  
come with the faith to follow but a star.

**All who would worship him,  
come with humility to the child  
who shows forth the immeasurable riches of God.**

Let us worship God.

-based on Matthew 2:1-12

**\*HYMN 66**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"      THREE KINGS OF ORIENT  
(Congregational verses 1 and 5)  
Kings: Jim Cochran, Dave Thomson, Barry Warren

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of the Bethlehem star,  
everyone is searching for your light  
shining in the face of Christ.**

**The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him.**

**But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger.**

**We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure.**

**We do not come simply to worship:**

**we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, wealth;  
asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions  
for not-so-important requests that we heap before him.**

**But the Magi sought first the kingdom.**

**Help us, God, to follow their example,  
putting our own need in perspective,  
worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence,  
and laying our gifts before you.**

**Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light  
will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen.**

*Moment of Silent Confession*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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was coming into the world.

To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,  
he gave the right to become children of God.

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**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*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.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

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L: This is the word of the Lord

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**ANTHEM**

"Bethlehem, of Noblest Cities"

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(NT pg. 55)

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

Dr. Stevens

**\*HYMN 500**

"Become to Us the Living Bread"

O FILII ET FILIAE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Heirlooms" A. Grant  
Tabitha Weaver, soloist

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE 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.

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN 63** "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Trumpet Voluntary" J. Stanley  
(CCLI License #2939070) *\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

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