

The Magi Visit the Messiah

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



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“Epiphany: Worship the King”

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Order of Service

Prelude: Kento Stratford

❖ **Praise** #324 Great is thy faithfulness

Welcome and Pastoral Announcements: Lynn Bishop

Introit: Praise #176 Songs of thankfulness and praise (v 1 & 5)

Responsive Call to Worship:

One: Arise, shine: for your light has come!

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Lift up your eyes and look around!

All: We shall see and be radiant; our hearts shall rejoice.

One: For the Lord will be our everlasting light and our glory!

All: And so we worship God in humble expectation.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

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, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Choral Response:

“Almighty Father, hear our prayers and bless all souls that wait before thee.”

❖ **Praise:** #177 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

The Word of God

Responsive Psalm: #72 Susan Chopp

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, amen.*

Reader: Susan Chopp

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 2: 1-12

Anthem: Instrumental by Kento Stratford

Offering

Presentation of Offerings

*Offertory Prayer: (Book of Praise # 661)

*1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O lord, from thee.*

*2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blestest us, to thee our firstfruits give.*

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon: “*Epiphany: Worship the King*”

❖ **Praise** #173 We three kings

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession Errol Baldeo

❖ **Praise** #172 As with gladness men of old

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Kento Stratford

❖ **If you are able, please stand**