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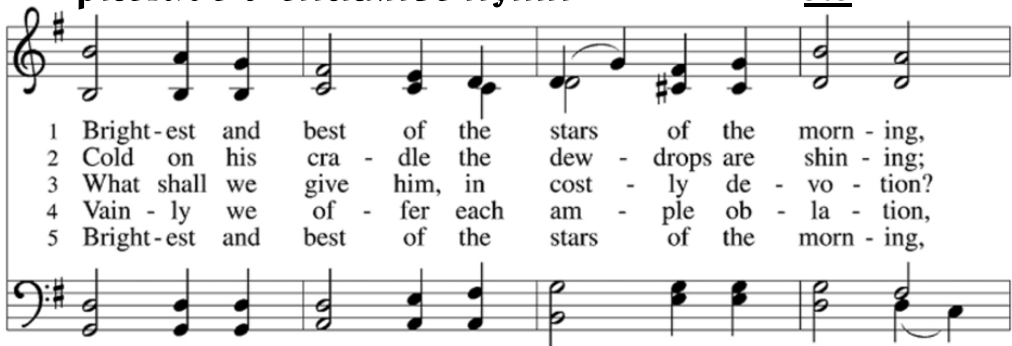
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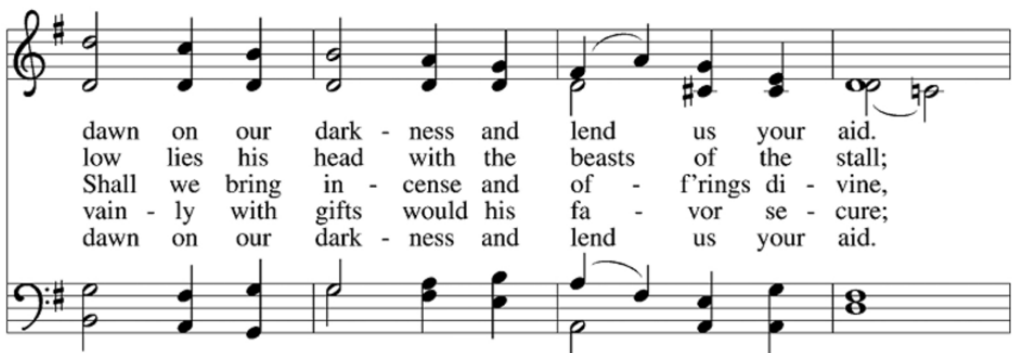
The Epiphany of our Lord
January 12, 2025

prelude & entrance hymn

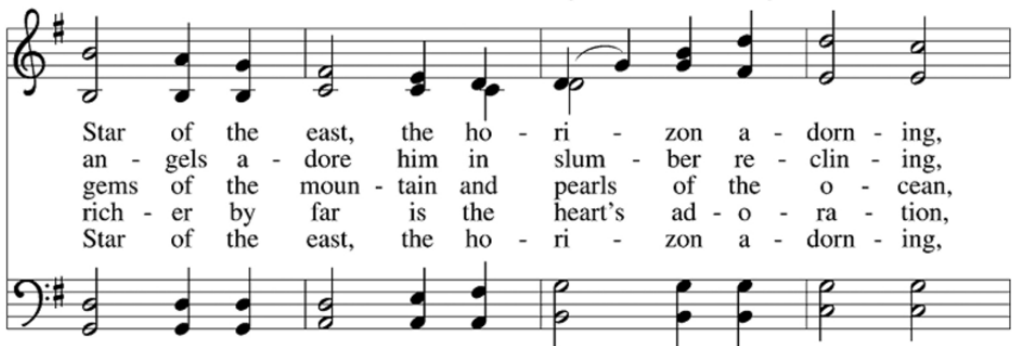
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1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine;
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

GREETING

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!

C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.

A: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

A: He comes to us;

C: We who are not wise.

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C: We who are not powerful

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hymn of praise

308 (vs. 1 & 2)

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.

prayer of the day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Heavenly Father, you have revealed your love for us in the giving of your Son, Jesus the Christ. As He came to find Your presence in the Holy Temple, let us continually seek and find Him in all the places He has promised to be. And finding Him, let us share the same enlightenment, comfort and confidence He found in Your presence. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

first lesson

1 Samuel 2

Samuel was ministering before the Lord in the Temple *as Hannah, his mother, had promised God he would if God blessed her in her barrenness by giving her this son.* He was just a young boy, and he only wore linen underwear. But each year when Hannah went up with her husband, Elkanah, to make the yearly sacrifice at the Temple, she would make a little new robe for her son, Samuel. Then Eli, the priest, would bless Elkanah and Hannah, and say, "May the Lord repay you with more children for this gift you have made to the Lord"; (Eli was referring, of course, to Samuel and not to the robe) and then Elkanah and Hannah would return to their home. And the Lord took note of Hannah; she conceived and gave birth to three more sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

psalm

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A: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will set me high on a rock.

**C: Now my head is lifted up above
my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord. R**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,

be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

*Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.*

**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!**

*If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.*

second lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

In the days of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, behold Sorcerers, Magicians, Fortune-tellers and Astrologers - the Magi from the East - came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born 'King of the Jews?'" For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was anxious, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

*'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" [Micah 5:2]*

Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had fluoresced. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. Beholding the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy! On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they presented him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they withdrew for their own country by another road.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

302 (vs. 1, 4 & 5)



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



gospel acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the Second Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The child *Jesus* grew and became strong, was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return *home* the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. But all who heard him were ecstatic at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? You knew, didn't you, that it is necessary for me to be about my Father's business?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, and in maturity and grace in the presence of God and man.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon

hymn of the day

Unison Eb Ab Eb Eb G Cm Fm7 Bb

1 Ho-ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a - go yet ev - er near;
 2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry—how your love for us was shown,
 3 Ho-ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us ev - er in your way,

Bb7 Cm Fm Ab Bb Cm Eb G Fm7 Bb7 Ebsus Eb

come as friend to ev - ery stran - ger, come as hope for ev - ery fear.
 when the im - age of your glo - ry wore an im - age like our own.
 so we see in ev - ery stran - ger how you come to us to - day.

Cm Ab Eb Bb Eb Ab Eb Bbsus Bb

As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the out - cast, free the bound,
 Come, en - light - en with your wis - dom, come and fill us with your grace.
 In our lives and in our liv - ing give us strength to live as you,

G/B Cm Bb Fm Ab Eb G Fm7 Bb7 Ab Eb

as you taught us love un - spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.
 May the fire of your com - pas - sion kin - dle ev - ery land and race.
 that our hearts might be for - giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

the prayers passing of the peace offering

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and
mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,

westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

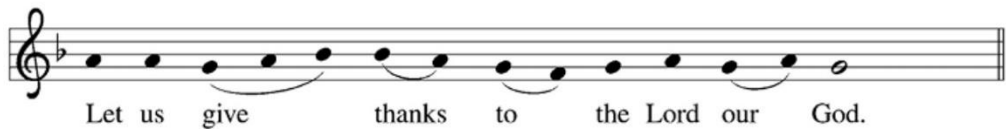
5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and
skies. [*Refrain*]

A: Let us pray:

C: Gracious God, joining those people long ago who brought their gifts to your infant Son, we now bring our gifts of praise, adoration and thanks. Receive them as a response to the abundant blessings you provide us every day. We pray that You are pleased with our offerings and that you will use them to accomplish Your holy will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

great thanksgiving

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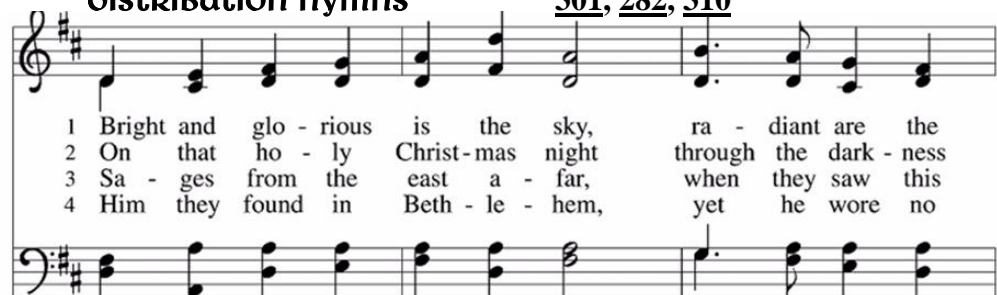


the lord's prayer

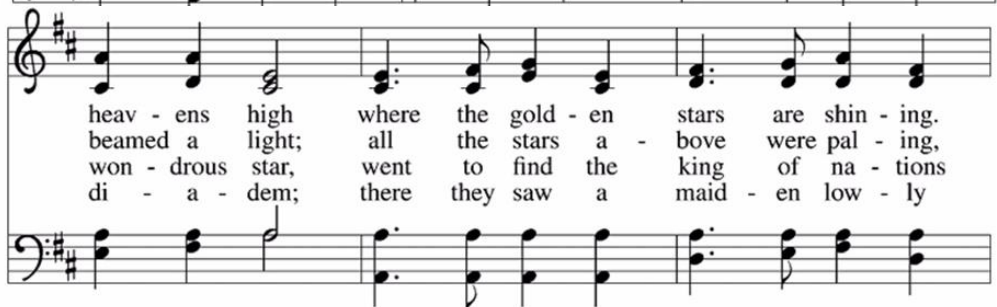
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

DISTRIBUTION hymns

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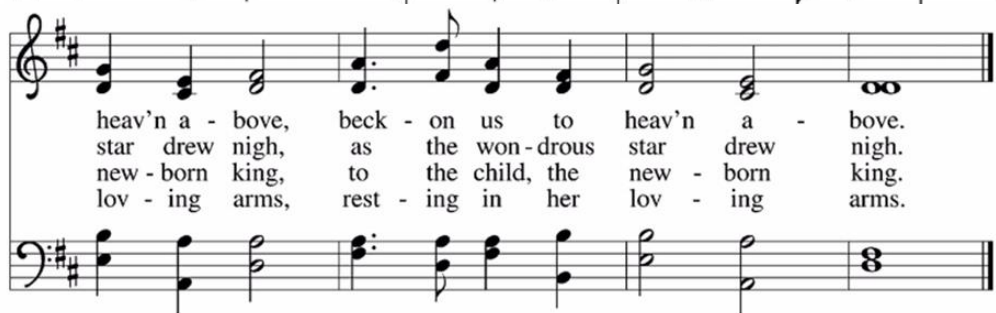
1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



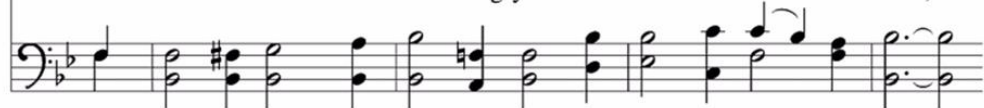
heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



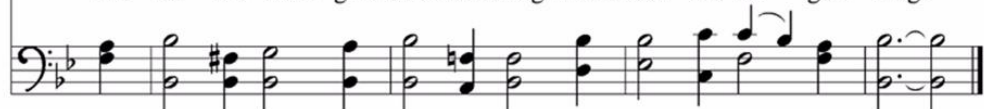
from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

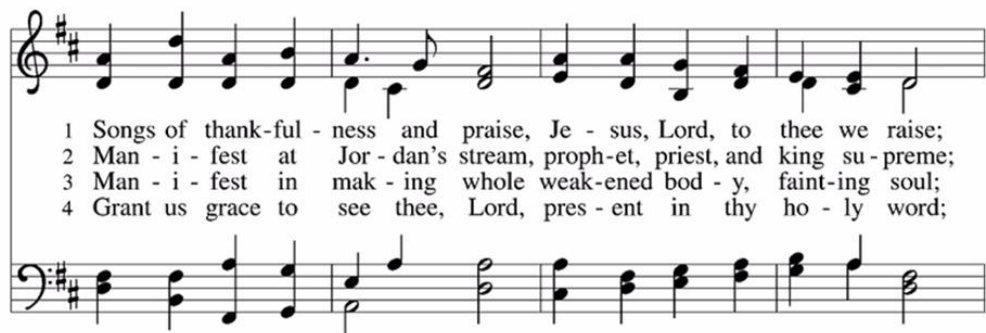


"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

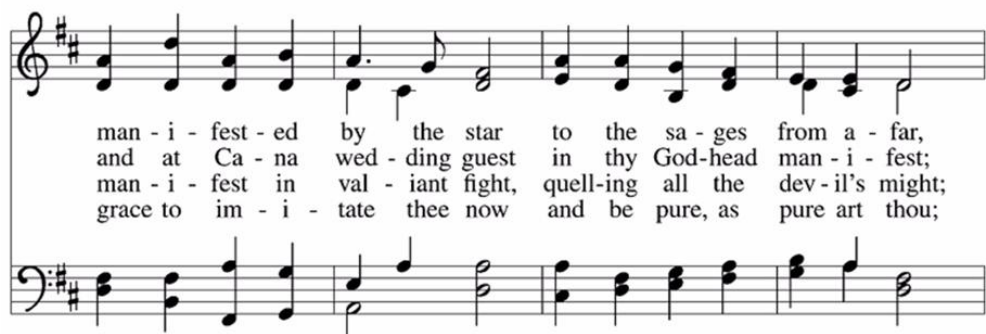


The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

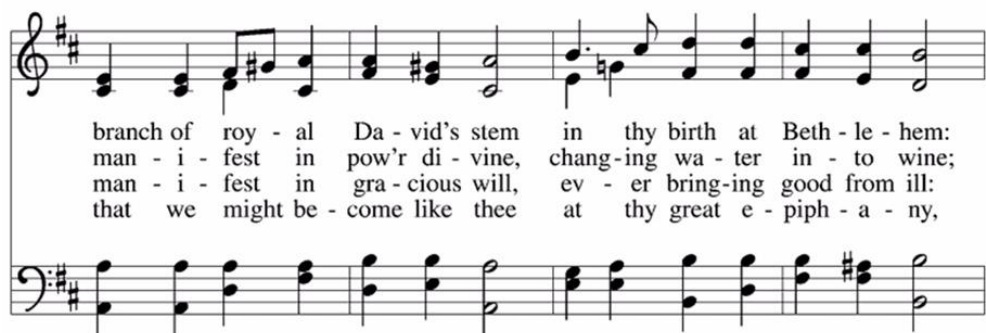




1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

post communion blessing & prayer

Benediction Recessional

815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



Sunday, January 12

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School &

Confirmation Classes

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting

Monday January 13

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Tuesday January 14

6:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

11:00am Bible Study with Pastor Chris in person or online

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Chris - online

Wednesday January 15

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

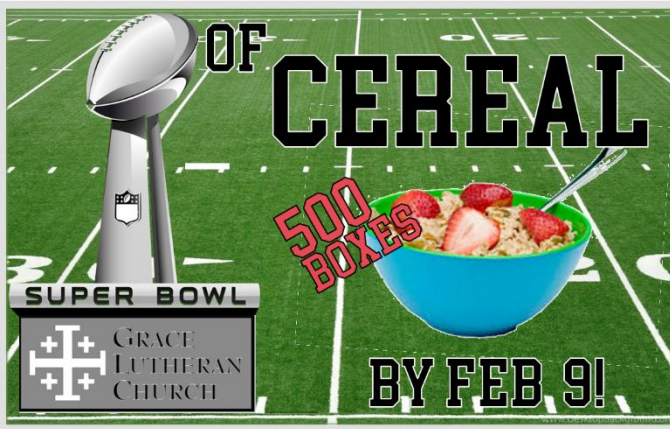
Saturday January 18

11:00 a.m. Repair Café

Sunday January 19

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. NO Sunday School or Confirmation Classes



The kickoff for the annual Super Cereal Bowl of Caring has begun! The next time you are shopping, grab a few extra boxes of cereal and bring them with you to

Grace. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, February 9th (Super Bowl Sunday). All cereal boxes will then be donated to the Community Food Pantry at St. Mary's in Mohegan Lake to serve local families in need. We need your help to reach our goal of 500 Boxes!

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