

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 3, 2021

Epiphany Sunday

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to wave to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Prelude

Holly Slice, Pianist

As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.

Greeting

Opening Hymn *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory, his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long,
this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 72:1-6

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**

Gloria Patri

Pastoral Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: Let us pray.

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. Amen.*

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Come into Light"

Rev. Mark Barnes

Hymn of Dedication *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

Benediction

Postlude

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.



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