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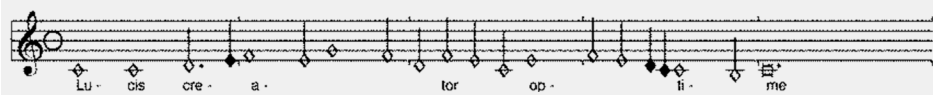
**The star they had seen
when it rose went ahead
of them until it stopped
over the place where the
child was. When they
saw the star, they were
overjoyed.**

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 8 & 9, 2022
5:00PM, 8:00AM & 9:15AM

WELCOME

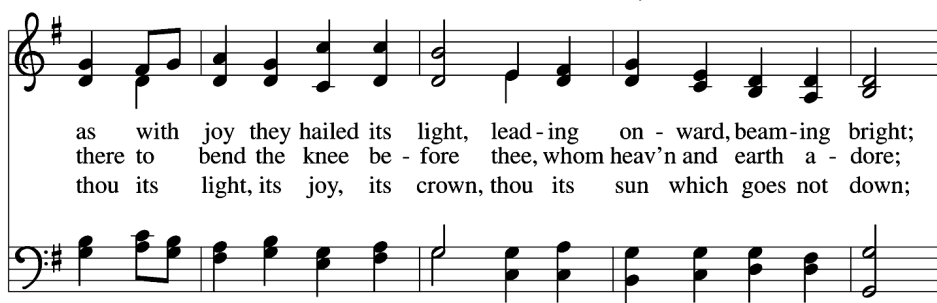
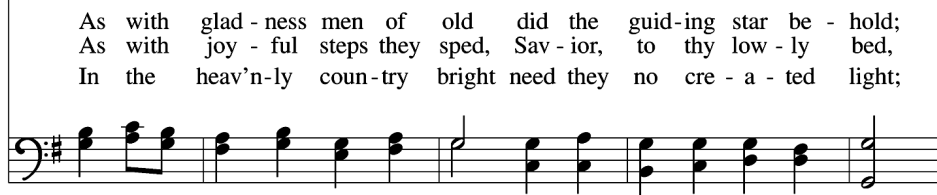
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PRELUDE "Variations on *Lucis Creator* (Blest Creator of Light)" - J. Alain



#STAY CONNECTED

GATHERING HYMN "As with Gladness Men of Old"



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who creates us,
redeems us, and calls us by name.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

~silence for reflection and self-examination~

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P Rejoice in this good news:

In ✙ Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

We are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE: LORD, HAVE MERCY



Leader: Lord, have mer - cy. **All** Lord, have mer - cy.



L Christ, have mer - cy. **All** Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD



Leader: Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on



earth. **All** Lord God, heav - en-ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

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Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone
are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

VERSE: LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

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Leader Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. **Al** - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12 (*pew Bible p. 681*)

(Organ)

Al Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Following the lesson... **L** The Gospel of the Lord.

(Organ)

Al Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Three Kings of Orient Are”



We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

SERMON “The Gift of Words”

- Pastor Jeff Ruby

OFFERING (Sat.) “A la nanita nana”

- Sherri Porterfield

*A la nanita nana, nanita ea,
nanita ea. Jesús tiene sueño bendito,
sea bendito sea. Fuentecilla que corres
clara y sonora.*

*Sweet dreams to you my little one,
may sleep bring peace to you. Like a
fountain overflowing your birth has
brought us hope.*

*Ruiseñor q'en la selva cantando
lloras, callad mientras la cuna,
se balancea. A la nanita nana,
nanita ea, nanita ea.*

*Nightingales in the forest sing you a
love song. Angels watch o'er your
cradle and rejoice with a lullaby.
A la nanita nana, nanita ea.*



OFFERING (Sun.) “Here Comes the Light”

- Joseph Graham

*Here comes the Light. Goodbye
to darkness, goodbye to night.
In the eastern sky the stars
are shining bright.*

*Here comes the Light. Goodbye
to darkness, goodbye to night.
In the eastern sky the stars
are shining bright.*

*Oh glory hallelujah children,
here comes the Light! Look
to heaven! Here comes the Light!
Dawn is breaking. Here comes
the Light.*

*Oh glory hallelujah, children,
here comes the Light! Glory
hallelujah, children, here comes
the Light! Here comes the Light!*

*Sing to the nations. Sing jubilation.
Children are you ready?
Here comes the Light.*

*My Lord, what a morning!
My Lord, what a morning!
Oh, my Lord, what a morning
when the angels start to sing!*

THE APOSTLES' CREED *congregation please stand*

**☞ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL


SENDING HYMN “This Little Light of Mine”




This lit - tle light of mine____ I'm gon-na let it shine.____
Ev' - ry____ where I go____ I'm gon-na let it shine.____



This lit - tle light of mine____ I'm gon-na let it shine.____
Ev' - ry____ where I go____ I'm gon-na let it shine.____



This lit - tle light of mine____ I'm gon-na let it shine.____
Ev' - ry____ where I go____ I'm gon-na let it shine.____



Let it shine____ let it shine____ let it shine____
Let it shine____ let it shine____ let it shine____

POSTLUDE “Joy”

- Diane Bish

NOTES

The prelude today is a set of variations for organ on the Latin chant "Lucis creator optime." The composer, Jehan Alain (1919-1940), lived a short but religious life, with many of his pieces being sacred in nature. At the start of the composition, we hear the melody proclaimed in the pedals of the organ (using a trumpet stop); the first variation is soft and comprised of flutes and strings; the second variation is in a 3-part fugue, and culminates in a final *plenum* (full organ) third verse that is full of resolve. Below is the first verse upon which the piece is built:

*Lucis creator optime
lucem die rum proferens
primordiis lucis novae,
mundi parans originem.*

O blest Creator of the Light,
who mak'st the day with radiance bright,
and o'er the forming world didst call
the light from chaos first of all.
(Translation by John Mason Neale)



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of the
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