

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer
Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Choral Response

In His Time verse 1
In His Time verse 2

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6
Luke 2:22-30

HYMN *(remain seated)*

My Master, See, the Time Has Come

No. 226

SERMON

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

We Three Kings John Henry Hopkins, Jr. arr. Dan Coates
Hymnal, No. 95

*Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
whose Daystar shines for us on high,
whose Spirit brings into our sight,
the light to which our world draws nigh.*

*CLOSING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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*BENEDICTION

Arise, shine, for Christ's light has come.

Christ's light goes with us now.

Arise, go forth, for you are Christ's lights.

Christ's light shines within us,

illuminating our path with wisdom and love.

RESPONSE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (refrain)

No. 251

***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

POSTLUDE

The Echoing Skies

Richard C. Wilson

**Please stand as able*

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organist: Brad Bettencourt

Today's Scripture

ISAIAH 60:1-6

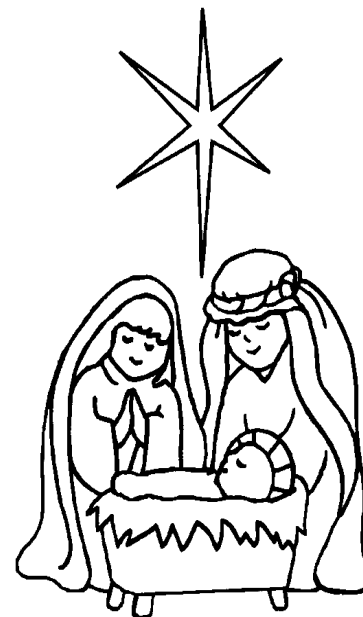
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

LUKE 2:22-30

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Today's Liturgist: Judy Leonard



HOSPITALITY TIME
Today's Hosts:
ALL CHURCH SUNDAY

The church office is re-opening on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.



Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our holiday activities and worship a blessing. And thank you for your angel tree gifts, gifts of food and benevolent gifts for others. A joyous new year to you as we pray for peace in our world.



WE'RE STILL GATHERING GIFTS FOR THE BABY JESUS.

BRING THE ADVENT ANIMALS TO BABY JESUS

For this year's Advent/Christmas offering we want to bring all the animals to the manger to adore baby Jesus. Please join in the fun and give generously.

Doves at \$10 Cats at \$25 Dogs at \$25 Donkeys at \$50

Sheep at \$100 Cows at \$250 Camels at \$500

Angels at \$1000

Mark your contributions "CHRISTMAS OFFERING".



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December 31, 2023

10:30 AM

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Epiphany of the Lord

PRELUDE

Bethlehem Morning Morris Chapman/arr. Melody Bober

INTROIT

Shine, Jesus Shine

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***Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.

Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.

Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

The glory of the Lord has come.

*OPENING HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

No. 251

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God, guide us, we pray.

**Grant us the courage to follow Christ's natal star
wherever it leads us.**

**Bless us with the wisdom of kings of old,
that we may leave the safety of familiar paths
to find the infant Jesus.**

**Give us purity of heart,
that we may forsake the glitter of things
that do not endure,**

and embrace the brightness of your glory.

Amen.