



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 3, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

All: Behold the glory of the Lord! Alleluia!

***Hymn (#151)**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, Light of the world,

We confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin.

You deliver the poor and the helpless,

but we have ignored their cry.

You take pity on the weak and the destitute,

but our hearts are hard in the face of their need.

You heal the wounded and save the oppressed

but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war.

Forgive us, we pray.

Awaken in us sincere repentance

that we may shine with the light of your saving grace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Silence for Personal Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6
(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon Be Radiant Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

Special Music

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: . . . And so with the hosts of heaven
 we join the everlasting hymn of praise:

Many: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
 And to that end, we join our voices with disciples around the globe,
 Praying the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

**All: 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer of Gratitude

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#86)**

The People Who Walked in Darkness

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O 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!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

86 The People Who Walked in Darkness

Capo 3: (Em) (C/E) (Em) (C/E) (Em)
 Gm Eb/G Gm Eb/G Gm

1 The peo - ple who walked in dark - ness a - wak - en to
 2 For God has en - larged the na - tion, and pros - pered the
 3 The yoke of de - spair and bond - age, the chains of the
 4 For us now a child is giv - en, for all the de -
 5 How vast is our God's do - min - ion! How far truth and

(D) (C) (B) (Em) (C/E)
 F Bb D Gm Eb/G

see a great light. The peo - ple who dwelt in the
 fruit of its land. God's peo - ple are blest with the
 slave mas - ter's rod are shat - tered and scat - tered like
 spised and for - lorn. The rule of com - pas - sion shall
 mer - cy ex - tend. The zeal of the Lord will ac -

(Em) (Bm) (Cmaj7) (Am7) (Bsus) (B)
 Gm Dm Ebmaj7 Cm7 Dsus D

land of the shad - ow rise to a star shin - ing bright.
 har - vest of vic - tory, gift from a boun - ti - ful hand.
 dust in a wind - storm, loosed by the jus - tice of God.
 rest on his shoul - der. God's own Mes - si - ah is born!
 com - pish its pur - pose: jus - tice shall reign with - out end.

Refrain (E) (Am7) (D) (G) (C) (F#dim7) (B) (Em)
 G Cm7 F Bb Eb Adim7 D Cm

His name is Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or, Al - might - y God,

(Cmaj7) (G) (Am7) (D) 1 (G)
 Ebmaj7 Bb Cm7 F Bb

Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.

2 (G) (B7sus) (B) Final (G) (C/G) (G)
 Bb D7sus D Bb Eb/Bb Bb

Peace. (to stanzas) Peace.

One of the great virtues of scriptural paraphrases is that they bring fresh understanding and appreciation to familiar passages. This adaptation of a customary Advent text, Isaiah 9:2-7, provides an effective example of how revisited verses can take on new life when recast.