OUR JOURNEY:

EPIPHANY SUNDAY January 10, 2021

WONDER OF WANDERING

GATHERING

Prelude

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épihpanie

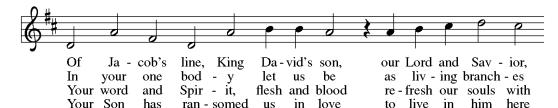
M. DURUFLÉ

Oh Morning Star Prelude & Verse 1

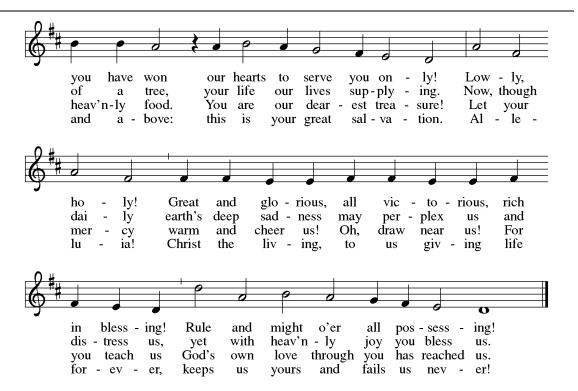
Hymn 308







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 Jubilation!
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 He will one day, oh, glorious grace, transport us to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning for the day of your returning.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

Oh Morning Star Verses 2 & 3

(See previous)

Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!

In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying.

Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure! Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you teach us

GREETING

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

God's own love through you has reached us.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the Light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

LESSON Andrea Jessop, Lector

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ode to Joy

ARR. R. MANESS

St. John's Handbell Choir

LESSON

Lynne Gilbertson, Lector

Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Oh Morning Star Verse 4

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(See previous)

Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia!

Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Isabella Manley

SERMON Pastor Jon Haug

MUSIC FOR PRAYERS

Three Kings of Orient

J. LINKER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Suzi Taylor

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your household. **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings.

You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERTORY title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.

If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our Worship With St John's Card here.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

We Three Kings
Vox Musica

KINGS OF ORIENT

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. We praise you, O God,

for your creating, liberating, and life-giving Word! You set the foundations of the world, you lead your people into freedom, you lift up the lowly, and fill the hungry with good things. Our hearts sing of your mercy and might! Send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may witness to your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day + through the Word made flesh.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH HYMN

Oh Morning Star Verses 5 & 6

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,

and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

Wie schön leuchtet (How beautiful it shines)

P. MANZ

HYMN 308

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Preacher Pastor Jon Haug
Liturgist Pastor Amy Kienzle

Lectors Andrea Jessop, Lynne Gilbertson

Children's Sermon Isabella Manley **Assisting Minister** Suzi Taylor

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