

Epiphany Procession & Eucharist



EPIPHANY

Hymn **96**

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

2.1-6

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

♪ **Bethlehem, of noblest cities**

STUTT GART

**None can once with thee compare
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear**

Preparation for the Journey

We call to mind our need for guidance ...

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

♪ **Fairer than the sun at morning**

STUTT GART

**Was the star that told his birth
To the lands their God announcing
Hid beneath a form of earth**



**By its lambent beauty guided
See the eastern kings appear
See them bend their gifts to offer
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh**

Gold

A reading from the Prophecy of Haggai 2.1-9

Thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so

that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.
This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

♪ **Solemn things of mystic meaning**
Incense doth the God disclose
Gold a royal child proclaimeth
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows

STUTTGART

Holy Jesu, by thy brightness
To the Gentile world displayed
With the Father and the Spirit
Endless praise to thee be paid

Frankincense

A reading from the Revelation of John 5. 6-10

The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

You are worthy to take the scroll *SAID*
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you
ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people
and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As our prayer rises up before you as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.
Blessed be God for ever.

♪ **As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger-bed
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat**

DIX

Myrrh

A reading from the Revelation of John 21,22-22.2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. *This is the word of the Lord* **Thanks be to God**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits
of your new creation.
Blessed be God for ever.

♫ **As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare
So may we with holy joy
Pure, and free from sin's alloy
All our costliest treasures bring
Christ, to thee our heavenly King**

DIX

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Offertory Hymn **103** *O worship the Lord* WAS LEBET

Eucharistic Prayer & Communion

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.



It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life,
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took
bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your
Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise, and lift our voice to join the
eternal song of heaven:

***All sing:* Sanctus, sanctus**

INFANT HOLY

Sanctus Deus

Dominus Sabaoth

Benedictus, benedictus

Christ who comes among us

Earth and heaven tell your glory

And our hearts echo the story

In excelsis hosa-nna

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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,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

***All sing:* Agnus Dei, behold him**

INFANT HOLY

Son of Man and Lamb of God

**Agnus Dei, behold him
Son of Man and Lamb of God
Lord have mercy on your Church and
Lord have mercy on all creatures
You alone are our *shalom*
You alone are our *shalom***

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

After Communion

Hymn **88** What child is this?
330 Do not be afraid



GREENSLEEVES

G.MARKLAND

The Word was made flesh and lived among us

God is with us, Alleluia!

We have seen his glory

God is with us, Alleluia!

The glory of the only Son of the Father

God is with us, Alleluia!

Jesus, full of grace and truth

God is with us, Alleluia!

The Dismissal

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord**

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the wise men left for their own country by another road. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Hymn **94, verses 1, 4, and 5**
As with gladness men of old

