

January 3, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Prelude on "We Three Kings"
Joyce Nickles, piano

Arr. Robert Vandall

*Call to Worship

Bob Cureton, Church Treasurer

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come. The glory of God has risen among us.

People: **We are awake; we are alive! Praise God for deliverance and blessings.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes to see all around you. Let your hearts rejoice, and be radiant with hope.

People: **May justice water the earth like a shower; let righteousness and peace abound.**

Leader: Receive again the promises of the gospel. Participate in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

People: **God's ways are being revealed to us today. Our church proclaims the unsearchable riches of Christ.**

*Hymn No. 220

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Eternal God, because your purposes became clear to us in Jesus Christ, we come with boldness to claim our relationship with you. We are grateful for pioneers in the faith whose stewardship has salvaged for us a way of life rooted in the gospel. The flames you ignited in them have not gone out, in spite of our faithlessness. Your wisdom is still proclaimed in the church, challenging centers of earthly power with the claims of heaven. Today our search for meaning has led us to this place of worship. You are here; we rejoice! Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Page 844 (OT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

Page 235 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

Mary Had a Baby
Anne Farquhar, soprano

Traditional

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

'Twas in the Moon of Winter Time
Joyce Nickles, organ

setting by Paul Manz

*Doxology No. 238 (refrain only)

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

Shell Dula

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 254

We Three Kings

Kings of Orient

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

†*Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-14

Page 111 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"New Beginnings"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 249

There's a Song in the Air

Christmas Song

*Benediction

*Benediction Response 251 (refrain only)

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

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided