

January 2, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

Madeline Johnson

Prelude

We Three Kings of Orient Are

arr. Vandall

*Call to Worship

Pam Faulkner

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light

People: and sovereigns to the brightness of your rising.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us

People: to guide our feet in the way of peace.

*Hymn No. 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Ellacomb

*Invocation

Mallory Forte

God of stargazers and seekers, you led the magi to the child at Bethlehem. Now lead us to the light of Jesus, born in a humble village, worshiped as a king. Bring us together in love for you and for one another. Give us words to praise you and voices to sing of your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen

*A Christmas Creed from Latin America

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the Gospel, which began in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a small village, of whose coming the shepherds saw the sign, and for whom there was not room in the inn. I believe in the one whose life changed the course of history, for whom the kings of the earth had no power, and who was not understood by the proud. I believe in the one whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged, the afflicted, the sick, the blind, the leprous gave welcome and accepted as Lord and Savior. I believe in peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, and the transforming power of the Gospel. I believe that Christmas is strength and power, and that this world can change if with humility and with faith we kneel before the manger. I believe that I must be the first to do so.

*Gloria No. 238 (refrain only)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Page 844 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Jesu, Bambino
Myra Shaffer, soprano

Pietro Yon

Pastoral Prayer

Mallory Forte

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

He Whom All Came Praising

Paul Manz

Doxology 94

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

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.

Myra Shaffer

*Hymn No. 254

We Three Kings

Kings of Orient

†*Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Mallory Forte

*Hymn No. 251

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It On The Mountain

*Benediction

Leader: God will give us courage to leave familiar ground,

People: **and guide us as we bring to others God's gift of love.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you . Amen.**

*Benediction Response No. 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

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

Main Street Church is happy to welcome *Mallory Forte* to the pulpit today. Mallory is a graduate of the College of Charleston and earned her Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She served as a SIP (Summer Investment Program) worker at Main Street Church in 2003 and 2004. Currently, Mallory is an Associate Chaplain at Self Regional Healthcare.