

Epiphany of Our Lord
January 3, 2010

PRELUDE

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G. Pollock

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TEMPLE TALK

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS WREATH

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Amid the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin
and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and truth,
in Christ Jesus you come among us
as light shining in the darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
and have not trusted the good news of great joy.
Forgive us and renew our hope,
so that we may live in the fullness of your love,
trusting in the grace of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The angel said, You shall call his name Jesus
for he will save his people from their sins.
With great joy, I announce to you
the entire forgiveness of your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

The First Noel (vs.1-3, 5)

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GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star.
Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the
full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON (We sing vs. 1 of *Away in a Manger* as the children gather.)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the
stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible p. 766 (OT)

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible p. 205 (NT)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible p. 2 (NT)

SERMON

"The Star"

HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old

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We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

**PEACE
 OFFERING**

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*Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head (8:00 a.m.)
 Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come (9:00 a.m.)
 Song of Epiphany (10:30 a.m.)*

**Traditional
 Macdermid
 Nelson**

***OFFERTORY**

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*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
 Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
 Grace our table with your presence
 and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION SONGS

*What Child Is This
 Joy to the World*

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BLESSING

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***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

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*Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
 Send us with your promises and lead your people
 forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
 Alleluia. Alleluia.*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Bright and Glorious is the Sky (vs. 1-4)

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

Holiday for Pedals

G. Young

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution.

You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine.

A communion station with alcohol free wine and gluten free wafers is available at every communion service at the center aisle.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

Please let us know how we may serve you by filling out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack. If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany,

visit the Hospitality Center located in the narthex

or our website at www.bethany-denver.org.

We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
PRESIDER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
GUEST ORGANIST	Kathy Singh
LECTORS	Sylvia Boedeker (8:00 a.m.) Michelle Stone Kraus (9:00 a.m.) Amy Janssen (10:30 a.m.) Don & Rit Vogel (8:00 a.m.)
CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHTERS	Matt, Lisa Forrest & Elias Christian (9:00 a.m.) Karl & Cathy Evans (10:30 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Three Kings: Kevin Althoff, Warren Berg, Don Pullmann (8:00 a.m.) Soloist: Warren Berg (8:00 a.m.) Three Kings: Ron Guse, Dan Grace, Scott Stauffer (9:00 & 10:30 a.m.) Soloist: Ron Guse (9:00 a.m.) Soloist: Scott Stauffer (10:30 a.m.)
CANTORS	Warren Berg (8:00 a.m.) Ron Guse (9:00 a.m.) Scott Stauffer (10:30 a.m.)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Brian Tennien, Karen Tennien Jeannette Arps-Manos (8:00 a.m.) Dick Rankin, Peggy Furgason Vicky Daub, Julie Van Loo (9:00 a.m.) Lori Roenfeldt Judi Burchfield (10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Matt Helmreich & Trenton Lee (8:00 a.m.) Joe Gift & Ben Moore (9:00 a.m.) Grayden Johnson & Grace Wilkins (10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Don Vogel, Tom Monson, Arlis Adolf John Krueger, Mark Mertz (8:00 a.m.) Neal Schuessler, Gary Steckler, Lee Engelbart Jerry Kerkhove, Dick Cameron, Carole Cameron, Dave Vandapool Noel Hasselgren, Norma Renner, Jack Hagood Dave Malucky, Terry Pickett, Aubrey Annas (9:00 a.m.) Steve Rogge, Dave Clausen, Ken Hansen Gail Luttinen, Phil Angus, Andrew Rogge (10:30 a.m.) Jake Newell
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Kathy Good, Joayne Hogoboom
JANUARY ALTAR GUILD	Gail Hipke, Judi Burchfield
JANUARY SACRISTANS	Dave Malucky, John Brayton
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Katie Dragseth, Laura Weber-Meyers Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

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- ❖ The **#** symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.
- ❖ The ***** indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- ❖ Large print version available at the Hospitality Center.

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Please pick up a Bethany calendar of events at the Hospitality Center for an overview of activities in 2010!