

HOW LOVELY SHINES THE

MORNING STAR

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The Festival of the E P I P H A N Y of Our Lord

Carthage College • Siebert Chapel

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Pre-service music at 8:25 a.m.

Service at 8:45 a.m.

About the Service

Worship Focus

After Easter, the celebration of the Epiphany of Our Lord is certainly the oldest of the festivals that highlight the life and ministry of Jesus. While the origins of the traditional date of the festival, January 6, are somewhat obscure, the celebration has always focused on the ministry of Jesus. In some parts of the Christian world the Savior's baptism was the appointed focus; in other regions believers heard about his first miracle in Cana. The tradition that has endured over the centuries is the remembrance of the coming of the Magi from the East, and in some places of the Christian world January 6 is still referred to as "Christmas of the Gentiles." The Proper for the Day of the Epiphany has a clear mission emphasis. The First Lesson, from Isaiah 60, recalls that "nations will come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn." In the Second Lesson, from Ephesians 3, Paul remembers the grace given to him "to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

To celebrate the Festival of the Epiphany at the first service of a worship conference is an extraordinary confession that we believe public worship is not only an act of adoration to God but also an activity of proclamation to people. As called ministers and universal priests we gather at worship to praise God by proclaiming the gospel to the lost and the found. Public worship becomes for us an application of the Savior's commission to "preach the gospel to every creature."

The Distribution

The Sacrament will be offered in this morning's service and again on Friday morning as we celebrate the Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. In both services the distribution will be by continuous distribution: communicants come to the chancel platform via the center aisles in each of the three seating sections, receive the host

and partake of the cup, and return to their places via the side aisles in each of the seating sections. Those wishing to use the individual cup are asked to take a cup as they approach the chancel and hold it until they move to the minister serving the Lord's body. As he says, "The blood of Christ, shed for you," partake of the cup.

Commissioned Works

HOW LOVELY SHINES THE MORNING STAR

Chorale concertato by Jeffrey Blersch

Dr. Blersch serves as professor of music and university organist at Concordia University, Nebraska.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeremy Laitinen

Pastor Laitinen serves at St. Mark, Salina, KS.

Pre-Service Music

TOCCATA ET FUGA IN F MAJOR (BWV 540)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Neue Bach-Ausgabe

Barenreiter BA - 5175

CHORALE PRELUDE:

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN

Johann Krebs

Sämtliche Orgelwerke

Breitkopf & Härtel - 8415



THE SERVICE OF

Word and Sacrament

Procession Hymn

THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT

Christian Worship 90, adap.

STAND FOR THE FINAL STANZA

Setting by Walter Pelz, 1992 | CPH - 983035WEB



All 1. The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
Men 2. To hail you, Sun of Right - eous - ness, The gath - 'ring
Organ 3. To us the Child of hope is born, To us the
Choir 4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -
Women 5. His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver
All 6. Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
Son is giv'n, And on his shoul - der ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The
all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His
yours a - lone, Who with the Fa - ther ev - er are And



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
Ho - ly Spir - it one, And Ho - ly Spir - it one.

M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Confession of Sins

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: **Christ, have mer - cy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord

Festival Setting | William Braun | NPH - 286037



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

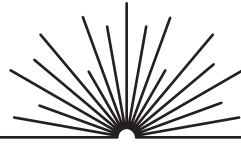
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

M: Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED



The Word

First Lesson

ISAIAH 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines on the world.

Psalm of the Day

PSALM 72

The choir sings the refrain.

All repeat the refrain as indicated.

Three Festival Psalms Set 3

Kenneth Kosche and John Behnke, 2002

CPH - 98-3674

All kings will bow
down to him and all na - tions will serve him.

Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
He will judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.
The mountains will bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

Refrain

He will defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
he will crush the oppressor.
He will endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
He will be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.
In his days the righteous will flourish;
till the moon is no more.

Refrain

He will rule from sea to sea
to the ends of the earth.
The desert tribes will bow before him
and his enemies will lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores
will bring tribute to him;
the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.

Refrain

Second Lesson

EPHESIANS 3:2-12

We proclaim to the nations the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Verse of the Day

EPIPHANY ALLELUIA

John Weaver, 1968 | Hal Leonard - HL480003611

STAND

Alleluia.
We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Alleluia. We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
Alleluia.



Gospel

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Lord and his star lead the Magi to the Christchild.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED



Carl Schalk, 2012 | CPH - 98-4097

Through desert and mountain they came from afar
To seek a new King as they followed a star.
They followed the star as they traveled the way
That led to the Christ Child, once born in the hay.

They brought him their treasure: myrrh, incense, and gold;
All sing of a story that yet would unfold.
They brought him their gifts as they knelt to adore,
Then went on their way to be heard of no more.

Do wise men still journey from near and from far?
Do wise men still seek him and follow the star?
O come, let us hasten with hearts full of love
To worship the Christ Child, God's Son from above.

O who are the wise men who seek him today?
The poor and the lowly or those who hold sway?
Let all come and worship, come kneel and adore
God's Son in a manger, our Lord evermore.

What gifts do we offer? What gifts do we bring?
What myrrh, gold, or incense? Of whom do we sing?
We offer our finest, we sing of the Lord:
Creator, Redeemer Incarnate, the Word.

Hymn of the Day

HOW LOVELY SHINES THE MORNING STAR

Christian Worship 79

The choir sings stanza 3.

Setting by Jeffrey Blersch



1. How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions
2. O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of
3. O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me
4. Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be -
5. Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad



see and hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
God and Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!
ere you had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
gin - ning with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!
sounds of mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride-groom
In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the
Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in
And you at length — O glo - rious grace — Will take me
Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -



and my King of grace, For you my hear is pin - ing.
branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.
spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.
mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor
What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing
A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick-ly greet me!
Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.
Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.
Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.
With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.
Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Sermon

EPHESIANS 3:2-12

Praise the Lord for the Grace of Evangelism!



Nicene Creed

**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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

BE SEATED

Musical Offering

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR (BWV 664)

Johann Sebastian Bach | Sechs Choräle und Achtzehn Choräle | C.F. Peters - 10636

Prayer of the Church

STAND

- M:** Father of the heavenly lights, your glory arises for all to see. Creation sang your praise in that first week of history as you spoke into existence stars, galaxies, planets, and moons. You make the sun rise each morning to keep both the righteous and the wicked alive. Despite the thick darkness of sin that covered all people, you sent your only Son to walk this evil earth and enable us to become the righteousness of God in him. In your light, let us see light.
- C:** **Make your light shine in us for all to see. Help us lead our children into the light of your Word. Enlighten even our casual conversations with the message of Jesus. Let world leaders see the Truth.**
- M:** Righteous King, you defend the afflicted and save the needy. Even if we do not personally lack material possessions, we see our spiritual neediness and feel the afflictions of Satan on our souls. Frustrate the kingdoms and countries of our world that oppose Christ and lead us to pursue the conversion of people who live in those lands that many souls might be won for Christ.
- C:** **Stop the bullying and shaming of all who hold to godly values. Bring to an end the murder of children, born and unborn, so that their names may be written in the book of life through Holy Baptism and Christian teaching.**
- M:** Dear God, we approach you in freedom and confidence. As members of Christ's body you give us fellowship with believers from every nation, tribe, language, and people. As you make your wisdom known to angelic spirits through the Church, reveal it also through the Church to those who are burdened by the demands of ritual and obedience to rules as they seek to gain eternal life.
- C:** **May your kingdom come to those who do not see Jesus as Messiah. Grant safety and success for all missionaries to Muslims. Remove racial divides in our land that we may tell everyone about your love.**

M: Lord, you led the Magi to the cradle of your Son by the light of a star. You caused this light to move at your command and led these men to ponder your created order. As you have in the past, guide the natural occurrences of life so that many more may come to see and hear the miracles and mysteries of your love.

C: **Give us wisdom and insight as we use many means to gain the attention and interest of those lost in darkness. Help us to be all things to all people so that by all possible means we might save some.**

M: Almighty Father, your Spirit made the hearts of the wise men overflow with joy. They believed and made the Christ-child their highest delight because of your gracious choice and calling. Help us always to give you all the credit for turning us from unbelievers into believers. Grant this wonder of regeneration to relatives, children, spouses, friends, and colleagues who do not yet know you or have not listened to your Spirit's calling, so they may come to know your love in Christ.

C: **Give us lives that support our testimony of faith in Jesus. Work in us that we may do good in our various stations of life. Lead the lost to ask us to give a reason for the hope we have.**

M: Savior God, you led the Magi to give their finest gold, incense, and myrrh to the toddler God-man. By the power of your Spirit they did not hesitate or spare any expense. You also poured out your Spirit on the Church in these last days. We see proof of it in this gathering of believers who want to improve their tones of praise, enrich their clear confession, and offer God their ever-improving artwork and music. Bless them with what they seek in your name at this conference. Enable presenters to be useful tools that teach your ways. Give musicians and singers a sense of godly satisfaction with each note they produce. Endow the congregations of our synod with plentiful resources, generous leaders, wise stewardship, and appreciative members as we put into practice the models of excellence we see, hear, and experience at this place.

C: **Triune God, grow our love of your pure and saving Word so that we may offer praise that pleases you and properly uses your name. Return quickly, Lord Jesus, so we may worship you perfectly forever. Amen.**



The Sacrament

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Festival Setting | William Braun | NPH - 286037

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff starts with a common time signature 'C:'. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.'

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va - tion.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Thanksgiving Prayer

M: All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father. You pierced the gloomy darkness of sin and unbelief with the brilliant light of your Son. You guided the Magi to worship the Christ and revealed the mystery of your eternal plan to save both Jew and Gentile.

You declared Jesus your beloved Son at the Jordan River and, with your Spirit, you anointed him to be the Savior of all people.

Bless our reception of your Son's body and blood that we may shine with the joy of faith. Use this most Holy Sacrament to illumine our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is ✠ my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is ✠ my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

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C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

BE SEATED

Distribution

Holy Communion is served by continuous distribution with individual or common cup. Communicants desiring the individual cup may take one as they approach the chancel platform. Approach the minister serving the host, pause, and receive the body of the Lord. Move to the minister serving the chalice and receive the blood of the Lord either by common or individual cup. Communicants may assist the minister with the chalice and say "Amen" after receiving each of the elements. The blessing follows the distribution.

Nicolas de Grigny | Grigny - Livre d'Orgue, Triton | Organa Gallica, TR 0007 OG

Hymn

O SAVIOR OF OUR FALLEN RACE

Lutheran Service Book 403



1. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O Bright - ness of
2. O Je - sus, ver - y Light of Light, Our con - stant star
3. Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, How once, to save
4. To - day, as year by year its light Bathes all the world
5. For from the Fa - ther's throne you came, His ban - ished chil -



the Fa - ther's face. O Son who shared the Fa - ther's might
 in sin's deep night: Now hear the prayers your peo - ple pray
 our fall - en race, You put our hu - man ves - ture on
 in ra - diance bright, One pre - cious truth out - shines the sun:
 dren to re - claim; And earth and sea and sky re - vere



Be - fore the world knew day or night,
 Through - out the world this ho - ly day.
 And came to us as Mar - y's son. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sal - va - tion comes from you a - lone.
 The love of him who sent you here.

6. And we are jubilant today,
 For you have washed our guilt away.
 Oh, hear the glad new song we sing
 On this, the birthday of our King!
 Alleluia!
7. O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,
 Let songs of praise your name adorn,
 Whom with the Father we adore
 And Holy Spirit evermore.
 Alleluia!

Anthem

KINGS COME FROM SHEBA

Florian Leopold Gassmann | GIA - G-6579

Kings come from Sheba bearing gifts,
Gold, myrrh, and frankincense, costly gifts they bring.
Where, then, is he who is born king of the Jews?
For in the east we've seen his star and are come to worship him.
Alleluia.

Hymn

ARISE AND SHINE IN SPLENDOR

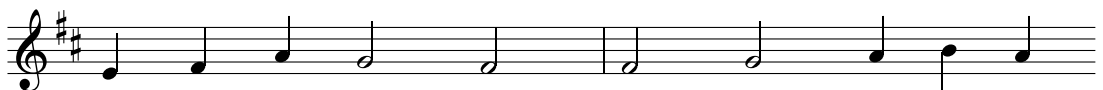
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1. A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
2. See earth in dark-ness ly - ing, The hea - then na-tions
3. Lift up your eyes in won - der — See, na - tions gath - er
4. Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove,
dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you
yon - der From sin to be set free. The world
sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes



the day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
the Lord of heav - en — Your life, your hope — has
has heard your sto - ry; Your sons come to your
will wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
glo - ry, And daugh - ters haste your light to see.
num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

Wayne Wold | Augsburg Organ Library - Epiphany | Augsburg Fortress - ED004021

Distribution Blessing

M: The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

STAND

Thank the Lord

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C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✨ give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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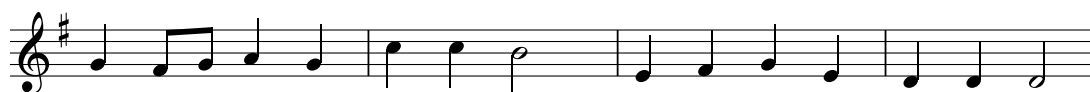
AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

Christian Worship 83

Setting by John Ferguson

Festival Hymns for Organ, Brass, & Timpani, Set 8

GIA - G-6944



1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold,
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to your low-ly bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At your cra-dle, rude and bare,
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-a-a-ted light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
There to bend the knee be-fore You whom heav'n and earth a-dore,
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
You its light, its joy, its crown, You its sun which goes not down.



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more your fol-lowers be.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek your mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest treas-ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds your glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King!

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Service Participants

Presiding Minister

Jon Zabell

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David Kriewall

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Bellevue, Washington

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Children's Choir

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Lubbock, Texas

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St. Paul
Howards Grove, Wisconsin

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Nate Amundson, Trumpet
West Bend, Wisconsin

Tom Bauer, Trumpet
Sturtevant, Wisconsin

Jeff Dewey, Trumpet
Antigo, Wisconsin

Andrea Huebner, Trumpet
Watertown, Wisconsin

Julie Neujahr, Trumpet
Appleton, Wisconsin

Kyle Riess, Trumpet
Bemidji, Minnesota

Mark Stuedemann, Trumpet
Neenah, Wisconsin

David Tiefel, Trumpet
Las Vegas, Nevada

Jonathan Siegler, Trombone
Tacoma, Washington

Eric Sipe, Trombone
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

Joe Titus, Trombone
Savanna, Illinois

Michael Werni, Trombone
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Martha Johnson, Horn
Waco, Nebraska

Sarah Schemm, Horn
Rowlett, Texas

Eric Martens, Tuba
Watertown, South Dakota

Joshua Wilsman, Tuba
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Alana Henkel, Oboe
Duluth, Minnesota

Brett Duwe, Timpani
Lake Mills, Wisconsin

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Lake Mills, Wisconsin

Conference Commission

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Blersch has been an active church musician since being appointed organist of Peace Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, at age eight. He holds degrees in organ performance and music education from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and the University of Michigan. Prior to his appointment at Concordia, Dr. Blersch served as Cantor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL, Associate Professor of Music at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI, and as an elementary music specialist in the Brunswick City Schools, Brunswick, Ohio.

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