

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual “To Do List”
(things God has shown me today)

Service Music

Pre-service - KINGS OF ORIENT - J. Hopkins

Prelude - THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING - L. Beethoven

Special Music - Light of Every Nation

God's children come from far and near,
Come to kneel in worship.
The dawning of His reign is here.
See them come and worship!
Jesus! Jesus! Light of every nation!
Every knee will bow to You,
Lord of all creation!

He shatters all the chains that bind.
Glory in the highest!
Now life is rich and unconfined.
Glory in the highest!
Jesus! Jesus! Light of every nation!
Every knee will bow to You,
Lord of all creation!

See justice like a mighty stream!
God Himself is with us!
Now love and goodness reign supreme.
God Himself is with us!
Jesus! Jesus! Light of every nation!
Every knee will bow to You,
Lord of all creation!

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Epiphany means manifestation. Today our church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaiah 60:1-6.

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GENTILES SHALL COME
TO THY LIGHT, AND KINGS
TO THE BRIGHTNESS
OF THY RISING.

Isaiah 60:3

As With Gladness

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1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the

star be-hold, as with joy they hailed its light,
 low-ly bed, them to bend the knee be-fore
 rude and bare, so may we with ho-ly joy,
 nar-row way, and, when earth-ly things are past,

lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright; so, most gra-cious
 thee whom heav'n and earth a-dore; so may we with
 pure and free from sin's al-loy, all our cost-liest
 bring our ran-somed souls at last where they need to

God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 treas-ures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king,
 star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The Light of the World Is Jesus

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. John 12:46

1. The whole world was lost in the dark-ness of sin; The Light of the world is Je-sus!
 2. No dark-ness have we who in Je-sus a-bide; The Light of the world is Je-sus!
 3. Ye dwell-ers in dark-ness with sin-blind-ed eyes, The Light of the world is Je-sus!
 4. No need of the sun-light in heav-en, we're told; The Light of the world is Je-sus!

Like sun-shine at noon-day His glo-ry shone in; The Light of the world is Je-sus!
 We walk in the Light when we fol-low our Guide; The Light of the world is Je-sus!
 Go wash at His bid-ding, and light will a-rise; The Light of the world is Je-sus!
 The Lamb is the Light in the cit-y of gold; The Light of the world is Je-sus!

Refrain

Come to the Light; 'tis shin-ing for thee; Sweet-ly the Light has dawned up-on me.

Once I was blind, but now I can see; The Light of the world is Je-sus.

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