

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Sunday Worship. Epiphany of the Lord Sunday,
January 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

This Service will also be posted on our webpage at “andrewchapelumc.org”

Here is the Order of Worship for our online worship experience.

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its
rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

Matthew 2:2

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude Music

Call to Worship

Pastor: The babe is born. God has come. God is with us!

All: Let us worship him in Spirit and truth.

Pastor: The Magi searched earnestly for the Messiah. Having been led by a star, the Magi
bowed before him, and presented gifts; the best they could offer.

All: We come as well, giving our best by offering our whole hearts in praise and worship.

Pastor: O Come, let us adore him.

All: O Come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we come to adore you, because the story of your birth brings great joy to
our lives. You are the fulfillment of the prophet’s promises and the beginning of God’s new
work in this world. You entered our world quietly in the form of an infant, and the story of your
birth warms our hearts. But we stand in awe of your holiness and admit our fears of where you
will take us on this journey with you. We wonder if we have what it takes. As you give light to
the magi seeking your presence, so enlighten us and grant us courage to follow where you lead.
Amen.

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1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.
(Refrain)

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.
(Refrain)

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
(Refrain)

5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.
(Refrain)

Prayer for the New Year BOW #294 Maren C. Tirabassi, USA, 20th Cent., ALT

**All: Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.
We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears,
new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses.
Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.
Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past.
Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we
come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you.
Amen.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Being Overwhelmed with Joy” Rev. Matthew B. Sergent

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1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain:

He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
He came from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer!
Oh yes, believer!
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.

2. The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,

And they say that his name is Jesus.
(Refrain)

3. The shepherds came where the baby was born,
The shepherds came where the baby was born,
The shepherds came where the baby was born,
And they say that his name is Jesus.
(Refrain)

4. The wise men saw where the baby born,
The wise men saw where the baby born,
The wise men saw where the baby born,
And they say that his name is Jesus.
(Refrain)

Prayers of the People

Remembering the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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1. There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy
o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy
is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star
lie the ages impearled;

and that song from afar
has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame,
and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations
that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light,
and we echo the song
that comes down through the night
from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely
evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle
our Savior and King!

Benediction

Like the Magi who followed the star, let the light of God shine through you and in you and all around you. In the name of the Source of all light, the shining Spirit and the one, true Light; go in peace to love and serve the world. Amen.

Postlude