

Leonard Raybon, 11 am

Simple Gifts

Aaron Copland

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

HOMILY

"Following a Rising Star..."
Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

see insert

We welcome you, as your mask remains on, to come forward to share the Bread and Cup. Upon receiving the Meal, simply remove your mask at that moment, then return to your pew with your mask on. Or, if you would like to remain where you are, we welcome you to utilize the Communion packet at your pew.

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We Three Kings Handbell Choir

HYMN*

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BENEDICTION

Go now in peace.
Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.
Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE

Concerto in G BWV 592: Allegro J. S. Bach

OFFERING— Your generosity and gifts enable Rayne's ministries, thank you! Offerings will be received in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary behind the last pew. You can also give online (raynenola.org/contribute), by texting "giverayne" to 73256, or using the QR code.



WE WELCOME ALL— All are invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith and love regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation. We welcome all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors! Those who wish to become members are encouraged to contact: jay@raynenola.org.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022



Star of Bethlehem
Waldemar Flaig

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

Welcome to All!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Epiphany
Unclench your fists
Hold out your hands.
Take mine.
Let us hold each other.
Thus is God's Glory Manifest.

Rev. Jay Hogewood
Madeleine L'Engle

PRELUDE

Greensleeves

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP* *responsively*

Arise, shine! Your light has come!
Glory to God in the highest.
Chaos and fear cover the earth,
but God's glory shines brightly.
Lift up your eyes. Look around.
The light of God's love shines radiantly.
Arise! Shine! Your light has come!
Our hearts thrill and rejoice!

HYMN*

We Three Kings

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PRAYER *together*

The radiant love of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray:
God of light and love, shine upon our lives. Help us welcome the
mystery of your grace and glory. Guide us toward your true gift,
for our hearts long to experience your holy love.
Inspire our expectations for this new year
that we might be surprised by the unexpected.
Open our eyes that we might find you in new places.
Shine your light upon us that we might see you clearly
and recognize your face in all people. Amen.

*The People Standing

RESPONSE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past 117 (verses 1, 4 & 6)

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Milo Joseph Schmertz Caffrey

11 am

Born, April 14, 2021

Parents, Lillian Schmertz and Emma Caffrey

THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

*At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may attend children's church
in the education building.*

OFFERING

*Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your gift to the usher
or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.*

Cassie Segal, 8:45 am

The Jesus Gift

Gilbert M. Martin

Shall I gather emeralds? Shall I bring him gold?
Shall I shower diamonds? White hard? Bright cold?
Shall I spangle jewels like stars above?
Give him laughter, bring peace-filled laughter.
Offer him warm laughter and love. Shall we gather emeralds?
Shall we bring him gold? Shall we shower diamonds?
White hard? Bright cold? Shall we spangle jewels like stars above?
Give him laughter, bring peace-filled laughter.
Offer him warm laughter and love.
Simplest of gifts; gentlest of hearts. Kindness he'll use as he leads.
So, give him these gifts; hand him your hearts. Honor his birth and
you'll need no: Emeralds nor rubies, silver nor gold. Neither bright
diamonds, white hard, bright cold. Spangle not rich jewels like stars
above. Give him laughter, sweet, peace-filled laughter.
Offer him warm laughter and love.

CAROL*We Three Kings*

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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]**

COMMUNION HYMNS*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

614

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

HYMN*To God Be the Glory*

98

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

(Refrain)

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **(Refrain)**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*All are welcome at the table!***INVITATION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION**Merciful God,**

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(silence)***PARDON**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; this proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.