

Order of Worship | January 10, 2021

Prelude

Two Settings of "Kings of Orient"

Out of the Orient Crystal Skies

Vocal Quartet (text: anonymous English c.1610)

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Kevin J. Long

Call to Worship

Isaiah 60

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Many: The glory of the Lord will appear over you; nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

One: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together and come to you. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

Many: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God!

Opening Song

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

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

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High.

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

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca D. Reeder

O God, you do not change with the changing years, but we are creatures of time. As we look back at the road we have traveled, we give thanks for your faithful mercies along the way. Where the road has been dark, you have not failed us, though we have often failed you. Forgive us we pray. You are our guide and our goal, our strength and our stay. In this new year, we would walk with you, for you alone can bring us to our journey's end in peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Leslie Weatherhead

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel.

Many: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

Confession Response

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-16

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: '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.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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."

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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Choosing Your King

Rev. Kevin J. Long

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering & Offertory

King of Kings

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Song

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants

Rev. Kevin J. Long
Rev. Rebecca D. Reeder
Craig Dobbins – organ
Jeremy Fisher – guitar, trumpet, and vocals
Ray Blackwell - vocals
Colin Farley – vocals
Xiu-ru Liu – vocals
Anna Singer - vocals
Rosie Wyche - vocals

Tech Crew

Sound: Dave Breit
Video: Mike Creamer
Slides: Jeb Stevenson

Credits

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Michael Burkhardt & Wilbur Held
Richard Zgodava
Kings of Orient
Gloria Patri
Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood
Duke Street

PRAYER CORNER

Please be praying for the following individuals & their families:

Prayers for Healing | Vincent Abbato (father of Amy Szuba), Mac Angell (cousin of Ellen Hitchins), Bob Bagans, Ray Blackwell, Marene Doz (mother of Matt Doz), Marianne Fadden, Jessie German, Kathy Gilkey (mother of Carrie Beynon), Anne Kelley, Mary Konfal (mother of Paula Motzel), Corinne Meanor (member of Amigos), Morna Murray, Karen Safran, Libby Schlenke (mother of Dane Schlenke), Shirley Stevens, Bill Tranter, Skooter Van Kirk (son of Jane Van Kirk), Mary Wear, Brenda Wiley (mother of Brittan Curigliano), Barb Wingert, Tony Zidansek, and Gretchen Zier (mother of Don Zier).