



Service of Midday Prayer for The Day of Epiphany
January 6, 2021
First Presbyterian Church

THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Ps. 124:8
Maker of heaven and earth.

Arise, shine; for your light has come! Isa. 60:1
The glory of God has risen upon us.

Come and adore the Savior of the nations. Matt. 2:11
We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

HYMN 130

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

ERMUNTRE DICH

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning.
You shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls,
Who brought the nations to your light
And kings to the brightness of your rising:

Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations;
Through him who is the true light and the bright morning star,
Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60: 1-3, 18-19

Before the reading:

The mystery of the ages, revealed to the prophets and apostles. Hear the word of the Lord. Eph. 3:5

After the reading:

The mystery of the ages, revealed to all. **Thanks be to God.** Eph. 3:9-10

CANTICLE: THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

The New Jerusalem: Third Song of Isaiah

Book of Common Worship, Tone 1

Tone:



Refrain: **The Lord will be our ever-^{*} lasting light;
And God will ^{*} be our glory.**

Arise, shine, for your ^{*} light has come;
And the glory of the LORD has ris- ^{*} en upon you,
Though darkness cov - ^{*} ers the earth
And dark night is o- ^{*} ver the nations. **R**

But upon you the ^{*} LORD will rise,
And the glory of the LORD will appear ^{*} over you.
Nations shall come ^{*} to your light;
And rulers to the brightness ^{*} of your dawn. **R**

No longer will violence be heard ^{*} in your land,

Nor ruin or destruction with- * in your borders.
You will name your * walls Salvation,
And all * your gates Praise. **R**

No more will the sun be your * light by day,
Nor by night will you need the brightness * of the moon,
For the LORD will be your ever- * lasting light,
And your God will * be your glory. **R**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

BLESSING

Go and tell this good news of great joy: to us a Savior is born.

Luke 2:10-11

Thanks be to God.

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**