Communion Response: (Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Table for Epiphany by Moira Laidlaw as posted on https://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/)

Holy Lord, God of endless love,
heaven and earth are surely full of your glory.
The angels sang of it—we have been lavished with it.
Blessed is he who was born that we might have life.
Glory to God and on earth peace to all people.

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today’s service.
We also thank:
Advent Display: Ken Guerin
Altar Guild & Communion Preparation: Vera Baker
Hands of Display: Pastor Erin, Anna-Lee Thompson, Alyssa Guerin, Ella Butcher, and Tracy Woodfield
Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard
Videographer: Nic Odell

Reminders:
Epiphany Children’s Message with Pastor Erin: “The Three Kings”
We’ll be celebrating Epiphany during our virtual worship service today. On Epiphany we remember who Jesus was revealed to be and the Wise Ones who celebrated. To get in the Epiphany spirit, check out this children’s message.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KR9qYhb1Rpk&feature=youtu.be

12 Days of Boar’s Head Began January 1
Visit https://www.trinityspringfield.org/boars-head-2021/twelve-days-of-boars-head/
For a new video each day.

Got prayer requests?
If you have a joy, concern, or prayer request you would like to add to our virtual prayer tree, email prayers@trinityspringfield.org. Those prayer requests will be added to the hidden prayer tree page on Trinity’s website. For access, see the Thursday Thoughts email newsletter. Let us keep one another in prayer at this time.
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Opening Hymn: “We Three Kings” Kings of Orient

Greeting & Epiphany Prayer:

Introit: “Carol of the Children” J. Rutter

Prayer of Supplication: (For the Human Family, Book of Common Prayer, p. 815, modified)
Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Magi, who risked everything to follow a Shining Star. Open our hearts to the receiving of your gift of Love that you offer to us in Jesus Christ. Look with compassion on the entire human family; and particularly this part of the family, in the United States, and those in our nation’s capital; take away the arrogance, hatred and lies which infect our hearts; shine your light into the hopeless and unjust places of our world, break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through the darkness of our struggles and confusion to set us free and accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in time, all nations and races may live in peace and harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Prince of Peace. Amen.

Special Music: “The Wondrous Story” D. Besig

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12 (NRSV)

Sermon: “A Light in the Darkness”

Special Music: “Christmas Angels” L. Larson

Holy Communion: ※

Closing Response: “Joy to the World! The Lord is Come” L. Larson

Benediction

Postlude: “Go Tell it on the Mountain” arr. S. Hays

Cally Seyler, trumpet and Steve Hays, piano

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

Epiphany Prayer: (John van de Laar, on his excellent Sacredise website).
It’s always been about the light with you, hasn’t it, Jesus?
Magi, braving distance and desert to find you, and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel’s invitation, allowed light to be their guide,
And it is still the light that calls us to you; the light of beauty that whispers its truth in surprising ways and places;
the light of compassion that kneels, and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet;
the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and suffering;
the light that seeks to shine within us, and through us into the dark corners of our world.
It’s always been about the light with you, Jesus; and it’s always about the light for us.
Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness and into your marvelous light. Amen.