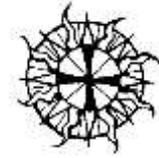


EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
January 6, 2021 - Home Resource



GREETING

Peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (*Prov. 24:3-4*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

The First Noel – ELW 300

1. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

4. This star drew near to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

5. Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. **Refrain**

P.D.; Text: English traditional; Music: English traditional; arr. John Stainer

READING

Matthew 2:1-12

BLESSING

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. Bless this home and all who worship and serve here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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