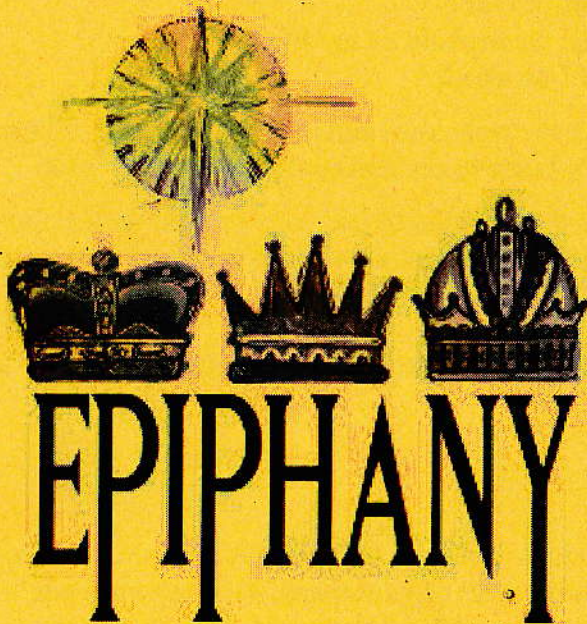


Light Dawns on a Weary World
A service of Lessons and Carols
for Epiphany



Monday, January 6, 2020, 10:30 a.m.
St. Matthew's, Welland

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY

DIALOGUE

It is you who lights my lamp; you, my God,
who lights up the darkness.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Gathering Song.....308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

OPENING PRAYER

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world you're your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Carol861 When Long Before Time

Lesson: Exodus 13:17-22

Carol326 Bless now, O God, the Journey

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol252 Each Winter as the Year Grows Older

Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Carol314 Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Lesson: Matthew 5:14-16

Carol677 This Little Light of Mine

Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Carol 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Lesson: 1 John 1:5-9

Carol327 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

Lesson: John 1:1-14

Carol510 Word of God, Come down on Earth

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

To kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life

cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty,

and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

**We worship with gifts of song and service,
talents and treasures.**

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song..... 726 Light Dawns on a Weary World