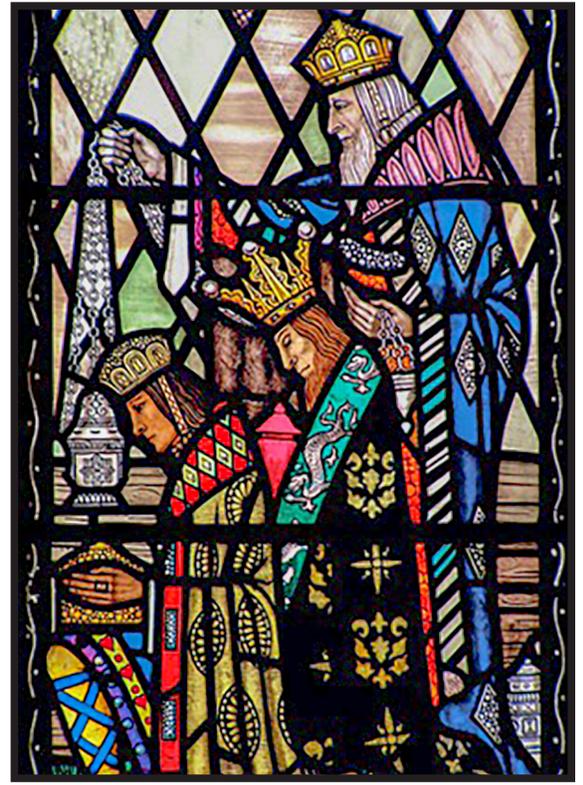


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## The Epiphany

January 2, 2022

### The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

**Prelude** *Voluntary 'As with Gladness Men of Old'*  
 Hymn Tune: 'Dix' Greg Bottomley

**Processional Hymn** (*Please stand as able*) *Please see page 8*

#117 | *"Brightest and Best of the Stars"*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Canticle of Praise:** *Glory to God*

*Hymnal S280*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord

God, Lamb of God, 4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy  
 on us; 5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 6. For  
 you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, 7. you alone are the Most  
 High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
 glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect*

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* ***Amen.***

**First Reading** *(Please be seated)*

*Reader* A Reading from Isaiah:

***Introduction to the First Reading***

*Isaiah envisions the end of exile for God's people and the glorious restoration of Jerusalem. Although darkness covers the earth, the Lord will be a light making God's people shine. To this radiance shall come the nations.*

***Isaiah 60:1-6***

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

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
 and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,  
 and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
 they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,  
 and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
 your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
 the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
 all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
 and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14



All na - tions shall be - hold the won - ders God has done.

Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness. [ANT.]

He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon  
shall be no more. [ANT.]

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service. [ANT.]  
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. [ANT.]

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## Second Reading

*Reader* A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

### *Introduction to the Second Reading*

*Paul, in prison and near the end of his ministry, proclaims that in Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

### *Ephesians 3:1-12*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** (*Please stand as able*) - *Please see pages 10-11*

#109 | "The First Nowell"

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew:

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Holy Gospel

### *Matthew 2:1-12*

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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

**The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand as able)*

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation*

*he came down from heaven:*

*by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;*

*he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again*

*in accordance with the Scriptures;*

*he ascended into heaven*

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,*

*and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.*

*He has spoken through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,*

*and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## Installation of the Vestry 2022

**The Prayers of the People** *The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Almighty God, grant to your Church wisdom. Work through us that we might lead many to the knowledge and love of you.

Lead us to your presence;

*Let us see your glory.*

Defend the needy, Lord Christ. Rescue the poor and thwart all the ways of oppression. Lead us to your presence;

**Let us see your glory.**

The heavens reveal your wonders, O God. Give us eyes to see, hearts to follow, and lives that pay you homage.

Lead us to your presence;

**Let us see your glory.**

Bless all students as they return to school and university. May they find wisdom as well as knowledge; give them a hunger for your truth. Lead us to your presence;

**Let us see your glory.**

Loving God, you are the help of the helpless and the deliverer of those in distress: bless and heal all those in need.

Lead us to your presence;

**Let us see your glory.**

Great redeemer, you have guided us to your presence; you have shown us your glory. Grant us, that we might at last, see you face to face. Lead us to your presence;

**Let us see your glory.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

*(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)*

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

*(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.)*

**The Confession of Sin** *(Please kneel as able or be seated)*

*Reader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept)*

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**The Absolution**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *(Please stand as able)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

*Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.*

*Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to:*

*The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR*

*Securely online through our website - <https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html>*

**Offertory Sentence**

**Doxology** *(The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung. Please stand as able)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye  
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

**Offertory Hymn**

*Please see page 9*

#124 | "What Star Is This"

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*Hymnal S129*

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hos - san - na in the High - est.

*The people may kneel as able, or be seated. The Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by

the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
*People* ***Our Father, who art in heaven,*** ***And forgive us our trespasses,***  
***hallowed be thy Name,*** ***as we forgive those***  
***thy kingdom come,*** ***who trespass against us.***  
***thy will be done,*** ***And lead us not into temptation,***  
***on earth as it is in heaven.*** ***but deliver us from evil.***  
***Give us this day our daily bread.*** ***For thine is the kingdom,***  
***and the power, and the glory,***  
***for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

**Distribution Anthem - "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Text & Music: John Henry Hopkins**  
**Vocalist: Elizabeth Scheer Accompanist: Scott Kresge**

**Post Communion Prayer** *(Please kneel or be seated)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*People* ***Eternal God, heavenly Father,*** ***Send us now into the world in peace,***  
***you have graciously accepted us as living members*** ***and grant us strength and courage***  
***of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,*** ***to love and serve you***  
***and you have fed us with spiritual food*** ***with gladness and singleness of heart;***  
***in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.*** ***through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**Benediction** *(Please stand as able)*

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn** *(Please stand as able)* *Please see page 12*

#119 | "As with Gladness Men of Old"

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Rise, shine, for your Light has come.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude** "O For the Wings of a Dove" Felix Mendelssohn

***We are richly blessed to have Deacon Harry Hiltner serve as the homilist at today's Epiphany Mass. We rejoice to have Deacon Harry and his wife, Kathy, as part of the St. John the Baptist family.***

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*Jill Malloy, Acolyte*

*Robert Freeman, Youth Minister/Soloist*

*Bel Gwiazdowski, Lay Reader*

*Scott Kresge, Organist/Videography/Streaming*

*Elizabeth Scheer, Cantor & Solist*

*Elizabeth Scheer & Susan Mattia, Videography/Streaming*

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Epiphany

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,  
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,  
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,  
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

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Epiphany

*Unison or harmony*

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.  
 Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);  
 harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902

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Christmas

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw \_\_\_ a star  
 3 And by the light of that \_\_\_ same star  
 4 This star drew nigh to the \_\_\_ north - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise \_\_\_ men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in \_\_\_ the east \_\_\_ be - yond \_\_\_ them far,  
 3 three \_\_\_ wise \_\_\_ men came \_\_\_ from coun - try far;  
 4 o'er \_\_\_ Beth - le - hem \_\_\_ it took \_\_\_ its rest,  
 5 full \_\_\_ rev - erent - ly \_\_\_ up - on \_\_\_ their knee,

1 in fields as \_\_\_ they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the \_\_\_ earth it gave \_\_\_ great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their \_\_\_ in - tent,  
 4 and there it \_\_\_ did both stop \_\_\_ and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his \_\_\_ pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night — that was — so deep.  
 2 and — so it con - tin - ued both day — and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star — wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right — o - ver the place — where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their — gold, — and myrrh, — and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heayen and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

Words: English carol, 18th cent.

Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

Irr. with Refrain

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Epiphany

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heav - en - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav - en - ly King.  
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Music: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889);  
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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